



Penguin Class Newsletter April 2025

Hello Parents,

This is the newsletter for April. Not much is different from how the semester proceeds from that of the previous. We will continue to work on more technical skills within the English language. For, instance, we will continue to practice c.v.c reading and incorporate sight words. This will be the beginning of the practicing the fundamentals of reading and comprehension. We will start to prepare for the next drama play. Exciting times <3 -Tr. John

Reading Wonders (Core Material)

Reading Wonders' classes focus on reading comprehension. Because these books are not level appropriate for the K3 classes, they will serve as story books, circling sightwords and drawing pictures based on the story contained within.

Week 1: Baby animals

Week 2: pet pals

Week 3: animal habitats

Week 4: prepare for drama play

Conversation

The conversation class actually uses a grammar book with a limited amount of vocabulary words for the kids to learn, so I will probably add my own topics or vocabulary to these units so the kids . As you can see the next two months will cover a lot of basic grammar. This semester the book deals with a lot more adjectives

Week 1-2: Unit 26-27

Week 3-4: Prepare for drama play

Phonics

The new phonics book is basically the same as the previous semester, it concentrates on the basics of phonics – starting sounds of words. We'll start to look at the medial vowels and hone in on reading C.V.C

Week 1: Reviewing short vowel a

Week 2: Recognise letter l

Week 3: Review short vowel l

Week 4: Prepare for drama play

Fine Motor Skills

This class uses two worksheets which let the students practice holding crayons and pencils and drawing the outlines of numbers and letters. They are also a nice way to reinforce vocabulary for colours and shapes and develop number and letter recognition.

Story Books

Since this is the first semester the class will be reading very simple books with only a limited number of words and lots of repetition of sentence patterns. I hope parents can encourage their children to look at the English books at home. The more they see English words, the easier it will be to recognise and read words. The students will not learn to read this semester, they will really only be able to memorise the sentences and learn to associate them with the pictures. This is fine, the reading class is still very valuable in terms of expanding vocabulary and developing pronunciation. They will learn to recognise a lot of items like dogs, cats, apples, etc...

Week 1: Jack and Jill and big dog bill

Week 2: Max finds an egg

Week 3: Max has a fish

Week 4: Prepare for drama play

Math

This semester, the developmental areas in the MPM program is about spatial description & separation, set theory and properties like shapes and colours.

Week 1 - 2: B3: p1-8

Week 3 - 4: Prepare for drama play

Physical Education

We currently have PE on Tuesday afternoons. At the moment we are just doing simple activities like foot or tricycle races because the kids can understand the idea easily. This semester we can try relay races where the kids pass batons to each other and race in teams.

Song and Dance

The school day starts with song and dance. The children get the chance to move around and have some fun before we start our first class. I also like to have them practice between classes or at the end of the day sometimes so that the students have the opportunity to move around and have some fun rather than sit for extended periods of time.

Week 1: This the way we take a bath

Week 2&3: London Bridge

Week 4: Prepare for drama play

It's an absolute pleasure to help your kids develop skills in English.

- John



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親愛的家長們，
這是四月份的通訊。本月將繼續提升孩子們的英語技巧。例如，我們會持續練習 CVC（子母子）拼讀法，並加入常見單詞（sight words）。這將是孩子們開始訓練閱讀和理解能力的起點。此外，我們也將開始準備下一場戲劇表演，令人期待！

Reading Wonders (Core Material)

課程著重於閱讀理解。由於書籍書寫部分的難度不太適合小班的孩子們，因此我們將其作為故事書來使用，讓孩子們圈出常見單詞，並根據故事內容畫畫。

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Conversation

會話課使用的文法書詞彙量有限，因此我可能會加入額外的主題或詞彙，以擴展孩子們的學習範圍。未來兩個月，我們將涵蓋許多基本的文法概念，這學期的課程將更多聚焦於形容詞的使用。

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Week 3-4: Prepare for drama play

Phonics

自然發音課程與之前類似，仍專注於基礎發音，例如單詞的開頭音。我們將開始學習單詞中的中母音（medial vowels），並加強 CVC 拼讀法的應用。

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Fine Motor Skills

這門課程使用兩份學習單，幫助孩子們練習握筆、使用蠟筆，並描繪數字和字母的輪廓。這些活動同時能夠加強孩子對顏色、形狀的詞彙認識，並提升對數字和字母的辨識能力。

Story Books

故事書內容重複性高，讓孩子們熟悉句型結構。我希望家長們能鼓勵孩子在家裡翻閱英文書籍。接觸英文字詞的次數越多，識字與閱讀能力就會提升。雖然本學期孩子們還不會真正學會閱讀，但他們可以記住句子並透過圖片聯想意思。這樣的閱讀課對於詞彙擴展和發音發展仍然非常重要，孩子們將學會識別許多常見的物品，例如狗、貓、蘋果等。

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Math

本學期的 MPM 數學課程主要圍繞空間描述與分割、集合論，以及形狀與顏色的基本概念。

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Physical Education

目前我們的體育課安排在週二下午。我們的活動主要是簡單的賽跑或三輪車比賽，因為這些活動較易理解。本學期我們將嘗試接力賽，讓孩子們體驗團隊合作，輪流傳遞接力棒。

Song and Dance

每天的學校活動從歌曲與舞蹈開始，讓孩子們在上課前活動身體、享受樂趣。我也會在課堂間或一天結束時安排一些簡單的律動，讓孩子們有機會動一動，而不會長時間坐著學習。

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非常榮幸能夠幫助您的孩子提升英語能力！

- John