Whale Class Newsletter
May 2026

Dear Whale parents,

We are kicking off the month with something truly exciting — our second drama play! I am so thrilled to see what our talented students will bring to the stage this time around. Just like our first production, I am committed to making this an equally memorable and special experience for everyone involved.

This play will follow a similarly imaginative storyline, centering around the incredible adventure of building a time machine — complete with an unexpected and exciting twist that I know will delight the audience! I look forward to seeing all of you there to cheer on our young performers at the spectacular show.

We have finalized the three songs our students will be performing: *"Yellow Submarine"* by The Beatles, *"We Are the Dinosaurs"* by Laurie Berkner, and *"We Will Rock You"* by Queen. We will be practicing these songs thoroughly in class, but encouraging your child to review them at home would be a wonderful help in building their confidence!

In the second half of the month, we will be returning to our regularly scheduled classes. As always, thank you for your continued support — it truly makes all the difference

Reading
Students will begin the month with preparations for our upcoming drama play before transitioning back to our regular reading schedule. We are also excited to reconnect with our beloved friend Otter, who will be back with a brand-new adventure — this time, he will be baking a cake! I have been so pleased with how well our students have been reading in class, and I look forward to continuing that great momentum.

Week 1 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 2 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 3 – “Follow Me, Mittens”
Week 4 – “Otter: Best Cake Ever”

Core Material
Students will begin the month with preparations for our upcoming drama play before transitioning back to our regular core material schedule. It has been wonderful to see such growth in our students' reading comprehension and writing skills, which has made for a very smooth and enjoyable class. I especially look forward to our group discussions — the students always bring such great energy and thoughtful ideas to the conversation!

Week 1 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 2 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 3 – P156-169 Unit 1 Week 5 – Shared Read: Move and Grin!
Week 4 – P170-173 Unit 1 Week 5 – Shared Read: Move and Grin!

Phonics
Students will begin the month with preparations for our upcoming drama play before transitioning back to our regular phonics schedule. It has been wonderful to see how familiar students have become with their short vowel sounds as we wrap up that unit. Following that, we will begin exploring long vowel sounds, starting with the letter *A* — an exciting next step in their phonics journey!

Week 1 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 2 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 3 – P158, 159, 160, 161: Long Vowel a
Week 4 – P162, 163, 164, 167: Long Vowel a

MPM Math
Students will begin the month with preparations for our upcoming drama play before transitioning back to our regular MPM Math schedule. The material has continued to grow in complexity, introducing many new and challenging elements along the way. It has been truly rewarding to see how far our students have come — their growth and determination have been outstanding!

Week 1 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 2 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 3 – F4: P01-06
Week 4 – F4: P07-12

Grammar
Students will begin the month with preparations for our upcoming drama play before transitioning back to our regular grammar schedule. We are very close to completing our grammar textbook — an exciting milestone! We will finish out the month with a focus on prepositions of place, before moving on to the workbook, which will serve as a comprehensive review of everything our students have learned so far. It has been a fantastic journey through the textbook, and I look forward to seeing all of that knowledge come together!

Week 1 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 2 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 3 – P70-71
Week 4 – P72-73

Writing
Students will begin the month with preparations for our upcoming drama play before transitioning back to our regular writing schedule. This class follows a format very similar to our core material work, where students read a passage and answer questions based on it. Thanks to that familiarity, students have been handling this class with great confidence and ease — it is always a pleasure to see them apply their skills so effectively!

Week 1 – Prepare for Drama Play

Week 2 – Prepare for Drama Play
Week 3 – P45-48
Week 4 – P48-52

Thematic Activity
This month, we will be continuing our exciting theme of cultural exploration! I very much look forward to seeing the creative and wonderful projects we will accomplish together as a class. It is always such a joy to see our students engage with new cultures and broaden their horizons!

Thank you for reading and take care,

Best wishes,
Tr. Anthony

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親愛的鯨魚家長：

本月開始，我們將迎來一件令人興奮的事情——就是我們的第二次戲劇演出！我非常期待看到我們才華洋溢的學生們這次會在舞台上帶來怎樣的精彩表演。正如我們第一次演出一樣，我承諾會盡全力，讓這次的演出成為所有參與者難忘而特別的體驗。

這部劇將延續同樣天馬行空的劇情，講述建造時光機的奇妙冒險——其中還包含一個意想不到的精彩轉折，我相信一定會讓觀眾驚喜不已！期待大家屆時到場，為我們年輕的演員們在精彩的演出中加油。

我們最終確定了學生們將要表演的三首歌曲：*"Yellow Submarine"* by The Beatles, *"We Are the Dinosaurs"* by Laurie Berkner, and *"We Will Rock You"* by Queen.。我們會在課堂上認真練習這些歌曲，鼓勵您的孩子在家複習一下，對他們建立自信將有很大的幫助！

本月下半月，我們將恢復正常課程安排。一如既往，感謝大家的支持，這真的對我們來說很重要!

Reading

這個月開始，學生們將為即將到來的戲劇表演做準備，之後將恢復正常的閱讀計畫。我們也很期待與我們摯愛的朋友水獺重聚，他將帶著全新的冒險故事回歸!這一次他要烤蛋糕啦！我對學生在課堂上的閱讀表現非常滿意，並期待繼續保持這種良好的勢頭。

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Core Material
本月開始，學生們將為即將到來的戲劇演出做準備，之後才會恢復正常的課程安排。看到學生們的閱讀理解和寫作能力有瞭如此顯著的進步，我感到非常欣慰，這使得課堂進行得非常順利愉快。我尤其期待小組討論——學生總是能為討論帶來極大的熱情和富有洞見的想法！

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Phonics
本月開始，學生們將為即將到來的戲劇表演做準備，之後將恢復正常的拼讀課程。在結束短元音單元的學習後，看到學生們對短元音的發音如此熟悉，真是令人欣慰。接下來，我們將開始探索長元音，從字母 A 開始——這是他們拼讀學習之旅中激動人心的下一步！

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MPM Math
學生們將在月初開始為即將到來的戲劇表演做準備，之後將恢復正常的 MPM 數學課程。課程內容難度持續增加，引入了許多新的挑戰性元素。看到學生們取得如此大的進步，我們感到非常欣慰——他們的成長和決心令人矚目！

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Grammar
本月開始，學生們將為即將到來的戲劇表演做準備，之後才會恢復正常的文法課程。我們即將完成文法課本的學習—這是一個令人興奮的里程碑！本月最後，我們將專注於學習方位介詞，之後開始使用練習冊，對學生目前所學的所有內容進行全面複習。這段學習課本的旅程非常精彩，我期待看到學生們將所有知識融會貫通！

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Writing
學生們將在月初開始為即將到來的戲劇排練做準備，之後再恢復正常的寫作課程。這門課的形式與核心課程非常相似，學生需要閱讀一段文章並回答相關問題。正因如此，學生們才能如此自信輕鬆地應對這門課——看到他們如此有效地運用所學技能，總是令人欣慰！
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Thematic Activity
本月，我們將繼續精彩的文化探索主題！我非常期待看到我們全班同學共同完成的充滿創意和精彩的專案。看到學生接觸新的文化、拓展視野，總是讓我感到無比欣慰！

Thank you for reading and take care,

Best wishes,
Tr. Anthony