Grade Four English 2016-2017

Teacher: Mrs. LinaYoussif

Welcome to grade 4 English class ! We are excited to help your child succeed in English listening, speaking, reading and writing. Our school improvement plan this year includes helping your child improve in English language acquisition. We will be doing this through strengthening foundational skills like listening and speaking, engaging with informational text and literature in various ways, and authentic writing with high expectations. The grade 4 curriculum also includes centers using technology, leveled reading, library time, journal writing, homework, projects, field trips, and theme-related activities. There will be less emphasis on summative testing and more emphasis on formative assessment and adjusting our instruction to help your child learn English. Teachers will also be learning throughout the year about how to help your children grow during professional development time. We have excellent resources in the Storytown curriculum, which will help us meet many of our goals.

The following categories will be used on the report cards this year. This way parents and students will each know in which area of English acquisition they are proficient, and in which area they need extra support.

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| Listening / Speaking | 20% |
| Reading | 30% |
| Writing, Grammar, Spelling, Vocabulary | 35% |
| Homework | 10% |
| Participation / Behavior / Attitude | 5% |
| Total | 100% |

Classwork, projects, tests, and quizzes all fit within one of these categories of English language learning. For instance, for a project worth 100 points, it might be divided like this:

20 points for the **oral** presentation (Listening and Speaking)

50 points for the **written** report and poster (Writing)

30 points for the **reading research** and notes taken (Reading)

**Expectations:**

Students must carry their English file, notepads, pencil cases, diaries and other materials to class every day.

1. We will have at least a fifteen to twenty minute period every other week when we will have **DROP EVERYTHING AND READ TIME**. I encourage each student to borrow a book from the library.
2. Every other week students will be responsible to hand in the Reading Journal Notebooks.
3. Homework Note will be sent on Thursday (emailed-written in the diary-uploaded on the weebly page) and must be returned on a specific day as mentioned.

**Units of Study:**

**Sept-Oct-Nov.: Stories-**The Hot and Cold summer, Kai’s Journey to the Gold Mountain, Pedro Puts on a Play **Writing**: Character Traits of a person **Project: Describe and draw a character from The Hot and Cold Summer(First Cumulative Assessment)**

**Dec.-Jan.: Stories-** Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World**,** Emerald’s Egg, **Writing**: Letter writing, **Project: Endangered Animal (Second Cumulative Assessment)**

**Feb. March: Stories-**  Fire Storm- The Stranger, So You Want to be an Inventor, Just Like Me **Writing**: Write about an inventor, Writing from the Heart **Project: Mini Autobiography (Third Cumulative Assessment)**

**April-May-June: Stories-** , Juan Verdades: The Man Who Couldn’t Tell a Lie, The case of the Hot Apple Cider, Because of Winn Dixie, **Writing**: To write a new ending to the story **Project**: **Make a poster and insert the ending. (Fourth Cumulative Assessment)**

Also visit the English site: [www.alrajaschool.weebly.com](http://www.alrajaschool.weebly.com)

Dear Parents, Sept. 2016

Welcome back to another school year. We have a very busy and exciting year in store for us!

I realize that teaching your child is a privilege, as well as a tremendous responsibility. I will do my best this year to ensure that each student has a motivating and safe learning experience in the classroom. I cannot do this alone: I need your help. I want you to encourage your child at home by helping to ensure that they have completed their assignments, and help them study for quizzes and tests.

I know with your help we are going to have great year! I look forward to a productive and fun year of academic accomplishment. **If you have any concerns or questions don’t hesitate to contact me.**

Following are the subject teachers for 4B.

1. Science Mrs. Usha 7. Computer Mrs. Faiza

2. Math Mrs. Sudha 8. Art Mrs. Zahra

3. Arabic Mrs. Naeema Ahmed 9. P.E . Mr.Ahmed /Mrs.Mariam

4. English Mrs. Lina

5. S.Studies & Civics Mrs. Fatima Habib

6. Religion Mrs. Fatima Jassim

\*Please fill in the information required in the following form and send it back by Sunday, Sept. 4. My email address is given below.

Thanks

**Mrs . Lina Youssif**

**Grade 4** English Language Teacher

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\* Please fill in all the information required.

Name of the student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Class : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Section : A / B

Mother’s name : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s name ; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail:

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Medical concerns ( if any ) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Grade 4 Supply List**

**2016-2017**

**English**

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| Quantity | Item |
| 1 | 80 sheet Display File |
| 1 | 40pg single line copy book |
| 2 | 100 pg single line copy book |
| 2 | A4 size writing pads (with margin) |
| 2 | Tissue boxes |
| 1 | Highlighter |
| 1/2 | Ream of colored paper |
| 1 | Index card |
| 1 | 20 sheet Display File |

All items should be labeled. (Name/Class)

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mrs. LinaYoussif