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**AL RAJA SCHOOL**

**Grade 3 English Course Description (2019-2020)**

**WELCOME !**

Hi! I am Ms. Dona Bernadette and I will be your son’s/daughter’s English Language teacher in this year.

I am so 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 texts and literature in various ways, and authentic writing with high expectations.

Grade 3 curriculum also includes centers, leveled reading, SRA, library time, journal writing, homework, projects, field trips, Tumble books 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 Story town curriculum, which will help us meet many of our goals.

**Assessment**

The assessments will be continuous throughout the year. The following categories will be graded and will be used on the report cards this year.



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| Listening and Speaking | 25% |
| Reading and Language Development | 30% |
| Writing and Other Forms of Expression | 35% |
| Participation / Behavior / Attitude / Homework | 10% |
| **Total** | **100%** |

Class work, projects and continuous assessments will 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)

Please note below is the assessment rubric standards for Grade 3

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| AP+ | Advanced Performance | * Numerical Grade 96-100)   (Very few students will achieve) |
| AP | Advanced Performance | Numerical Grade 90-95 |
| PP | Proficient Performance | * Numerical Grade 80-89 |
| BP | Basic Performance | * Numerical Grade 70-79 |
| NP | Novice Performance | * Numerical Grade 65-69 |
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**Resources:**

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| --- | --- |
| Story Town  (Including reading, spelling, phonics,  Grammar and writing) | [school property] |
| Practice Book and Phonics Practice Book | [student’s property] |
| Reading /writing/ homework Journal | [in-class and at home] |
| Reading books will be sent home every other week with a book from the classroom /school library |  |
| Homework will be assessed in class |  |

**Expectations**

By the end of June 2020, students are expected to write a paragraph of about five sentences in length.

* Express themselves confidently and accurately.
* Improve reading comprehension skills.
* Use the vocabulary and spelling words accurately and fluently.

The following skills will be aiming at throughout the year

* **Listening and Speaking**
* **Reading and Language Development**
* **Writing and Expression**

**Listening and Speaking**

With selected and suitable questions accordingly from the following lessons:-

* Ruby the Copycat
* Eddie Met the Author
* The School News
* Aero and Officer Mike
* How animals talk.
* Stone Soup
* The Case of the Three Bears’ Breakfast
* Loved Best
* A pen pal for Max.
* Ask the Experts (p.433)

**Reading and Language Development**

* Ruby the Copycat
* Eddie Met the Author
* The School News
* Aero and Officer Mike
* How animals talk.
* Stone Soup
* The Case of the Three Bears’ Breakfast
* Loved Best
* A pen pal for Max.
* Ask the Experts (p.433)
* Reading comprehension passages from different materials.
* SRA
* Class library books
* School library books

**Writing and Expression**

* Do you know me?
* My School Al Raja
* My Favorite Pet
* Friendly letters
* Reading/Writing Journal
* SRA

Each student will have ONE (1) English file (with pockets) and that will be his/her portfolio. All student’s work will be found there.

Parents are expected to sign the paper/s in the file and the notebooks when sent home.

**Check the school Weebly page (Grade 3)** [**www.alrajaweebly.com**](http://www.alrajaweebly.com)

for current school information, educational videos and worksheets.

Looking forward for your kind cooperation throughout the year.

Thanking you,

Kind regards!

**Mrs. Dona Bernadette**