Dominican International School





SUBJECT: EAL

GRADE LEVEL: Grade 4 SCHOOL YEAR: 2023-2024

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<u>COURSE DESCRIPTION:</u> It is the goal of the EAL class to support students' language proficiency and monitor progress so that students can ultimately improve their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. The course will present students with ample opportunities to practice their English skills in a supportive environment. The backgrounds, needs, and interests of students are considered while helping them achieve their goals towards English proficiency.

<u>COURSE OBJECTIVES:</u> The goal of Grade 4 EAL is to help students become stronger readers, writers, and thinkers. There are 4 essential components for learning content:

Reading: A top priority is helping students to read at the appropriate grade level. This will be demonstrated by fluently reading and comprehending a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Writing: Students will be assisted in composing a variety of short writings with clear expression of ideas.

Listening: Students will understand what other speakers are conveying with accuracy.

Speaking: Students will use speech to effectively communicate in various circumstances.

<u>PRIMARY TEXTBOOK & OTHER RESOURCES:</u> The main textbook and resources are Grade 4 Reach Higher from National Geographic, a specialized ELL program:

Frey, Nancy, et al. Reach Higher 4. National Geographic Learning, 2020. Print.

Dominoes Starter Series. Oxford University Press. Print

<u>ASSESSMENT:</u> Assessment of students will take place during all class activities. Therefore, class participation is extremely important. Students will be assessed on their ability to meet learning objectives based on the common core standards. Grades will follow the school wide policy concerning exams, projects, writing compositions, quizzes, homework, and deportment.

<u>Homework/Classwork</u> will consist of additional practice for vocabulary, phonics/word study, and grammar. Additionally, both assigned, and choice reading will be given weekly. Students will be held accountable for completing the reading via the use of pop quizzes and/or participation in book discussions.

Quizzes will be administered on a weekly/bi-weekly basis for vocabulary/readings.

<u>Assessments</u> will include both project-based and written forms to accommodate multiple needs and interests. A unit exam or project will be used for assessment at the end of each quarter.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u> – Please see Google Classroom for more information. Students will receive a class code, and instructions on how to join the class.

Material Needed:

- DIS Writing Notebook (These notebooks can be purchased in the DIS canteen)
- Folder (with plastic pockets) for handouts and written work
- Whiteboard markers, pencils, colored pencils, highlighter markers, glue, scissors, eraser, ruler, sticky notes

<u>Academic Dishonesty</u> means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's own work; and
- 1. Representing another's intellectual work such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, or research or the like as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- 2. Employing a tutor, making use of Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgement, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's own work.
- 3. Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 Aug 7 th to 11 th 3 Days of Class 10~ First Day / Orientation Day	 Introductions/Class Rules Activities Reading Comprehension & Great Writing Activities
Week 2 Aug 14 th to 18 th Opening Mass (15 th)	 Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Unit Launch: How important are traditions? Language Focus: Express Feelings Content Vocabulary: (craft musical perform pottery tradition weave) Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Thinking Map: Main Idea and Details Academic Vocabulary: (create culture express medium style) Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Reading Strategy: Plan and Monitor Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 3 Aug 21st to 25 th	 Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Word Work, Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Respond and Extend, Grammar and Spelling: Complete Sentences Book 4A Unit 1(Part 1) Review: Part 1

Week 4 Aug 28 th to Sep 1st	 Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Language Focus: Ask for and Give Information Content Vocabulary: (ancestor ceremony marriage occasion ritual) Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Thinking Map: Plot Academic Vocabulary: (belief custom influence relationship role) Writing: (Writing Lesson A) Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Reading Strategy: Monitor and Clarify Writing: (Writing Lesson B) Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Writing – Narrative Writing Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 5 Sep 4 th to 8 th 8 th ~ Mass & Birthday Mother Mary	 Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Writing: (Writing Lesson C) Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Writing: (Writing Lesson D) Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Writing: (Writing Lesson E) Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Subject-Verb Agreement Review: Part 2 Writing: (Writing Lesson F) Book 4A Unit 1(Part 2) Unit Wrap-Up
Week 6 Sep 11 th to 15 th Pre-Exam Days (12 th – 14 th)	 Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Unit Launch: Just how smart are animals? Language Focus: Express Ideas Content Vocabulary: (adaptation defend predator prey trait) Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Thinking Map: Analyze Characters Academic Vocabulary: (behavior characteristic response strategy survival) Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Reading Strategy: Make Connections Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 7 Sep 18 th to 22nd	 Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Kinds of Sentences Book 4A Unit 2(Part 1) Review: Part 1
Week 8 Sep 25 th to 29 th No School 25 th -28th ~Teacher's Conference 29th - Moon Festival	No School
Week 9 Oct 2nd to 6 th 2 nd – Launch Rosary Month 5 th -6 th 1 st Quarter Exams	 Exam Review 1st Quarter Exams

$\underline{2^{nd}\ QUARTER-TENTATIVE\ COURSE\ CONTENT}$

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (10) Oct 9 th to 13 th 3 Days of Class 9th-10th – Double 10 Holiday	Reading Comprehension & Great Writing Activities
Week 2 (11) Oct 16 th to 20th	 Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Unit Launch: Why learn about other places? Language Focus: Give and Follow Directions Content Vocabulary: (continent country equator globe hemisphere inhabitant map) Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Thinking Map: Theme Academic Vocabulary: (border imagine range suggest transport) Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Reading Strategy: Visualize Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 3 (12) Oct 23rd to 27 th 25-27 – Book Fair 28- Masquerade Night TBA-Holy Rosary Mass	 Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Plural Nouns Book 4A Unit 3(Part 1) Review: Part 1
Week 4 (13) Oct 30th to Nov 3rd Ist-All Saint's Day Mass	 Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Language Focus: Describe Places Content Vocabulary: (canyon elevation landform ocean plain plateau valley) Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Thinking Map: Main Idea and Details Academic Vocabulary: (feature locate physical region surface) Writing: (Writing Lesson A) Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Reading Strategy: Visualize Writing: (Writing Lesson B) Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Writing – Narrative Writing Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 5 (14) Nov 6 th to 10 th	 Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Writing: (Writing Lesson C) Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Writing: (Writing Lesson D) Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Writing: (Writing Lesson E) Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: More Plural Nouns Review: Part 2 (Writing Lesson F) Book 4A Unit 3(Part 2) Unit Wrap-Up

Week 6 (15) Nov 13 th to 17 th	 Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Unit Launch: How do we relate to nature? Language Focus: Make Comparisons Content Vocabulary: (convert electricity generate power renewable scarce) Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Thinking Map: Cause and Effect Academic Vocabulary: (available conservation current flow resource) Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Reading Strategy: Ask Questions Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 7 (16) Nov 20th to 24 th	 Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Present-Tense Action Verbs Book 4A Unit 4(Part 1) Review: Part 1
Week 8 (17) Nov 27 th to Dec 1st 28 th – 30 th – Pre-Exam Days	 Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Language Focus: Express Needs and Wants Content Vocabulary: (atmosphere element landscape material natural) Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Thinking Map: Problem and Solution Academic Vocabulary: (benefit force interact modify relate) Writing: (Writing Lesson A) Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Reading Strategy Writing: (Writing Lesson B) Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Writing – Narrative Writing Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 9 (18) Dec 4 th to 8 th	 Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Writing: (Writing Lesson C) Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Writing: (Writing Lesson D) Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Writing: (Writing Lesson E) Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Forms of be and have Review: Part 2 (Writing Lesson F) Book 4A Unit 4(Part 2) Unit Wrap-Up
Week 10 (19) Dec 11 th to 15 th 14 th -15th ~ Q2 Exams	 Exam Review 2nd Quarter Exams
Dec 18th to Jan 2nd	Christmas Break

<u>3rd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT</u>

Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (20) Jan 3rd to 5 th 3 Days of Class 4 th New Year Mass	Reading Comprehension & Great Writing Activities
Week 2 (21) Jan 8 th to 12 th	 Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Unit Launch: When do harmless things become harmful? Language Focus: Retell a Story Content Vocabulary: (decompose experiment humid mold spore) Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Thinking Map: Plot Academic Vocabulary: (contain control environment investigate spread) Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Reading Strategy: Make Inferences Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 3 (22) Jan 15 th to 19 th	 Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Adjectives Book 4B Unit 5(Part 1) Review: Part 1
Week 4 (23) Jan 22nd to 26th	 Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Language Focus: Define and Explain Content Vocabulary: (habitat invade population species threatened) Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Thinking Map: Problem and Solution Academic Vocabulary: (balance competition introduce migration native) Writing: (Writing Lesson A) Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Reading Strategy: Make Inferences Writing: (Writing Lesson B) Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Writing – Narrative Writing Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 5 (24) Feb 5th to 2 nd 29 th Feast of St. Thomas	 Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Writing: (Writing Lesson C) Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Writing: (Writing Lesson D) Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Writing: (Writing Lesson E) Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Possessive Nouns and Adjectives Review: Part 2 (Writing Lesson F) Book 4B Unit 5(Part 2) Unit Wrap-Up
Week 6 (25) Feb 5 th to 7 th 3 Days of Class	Reading Comprehension & Great Writing Activities

Feb 8 th – 16th	Chinese New Year Break
Week 7 (26) Feb 19 th to 23rd 19 th Lenten Mass 20 th – 21 st Pre-Exam Days	 Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Unit Launch: Language Focus: How do treasures shape our past and future? Content Vocabulary: (adventure coastal compass navigation port treasure) Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Thinking Map: Characters Academic Vocabulary: (chart discovery exploration interpret legend) Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Reading Strategy: Summarize Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 8 (27) Feb 26 th to Mar 1st 4 Days of Class 28th Memorial Day Holiday	 Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Pronoun Agreement Book 4B Unit 6(Part 1) Review: Part 1
Week 9 (28) March 4 th to 8 th 8th – Q3 Exams	 Exam Review 3rd Quarter Exams

4th QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (29) March 11 th to 15 th 11th – Q3 Exams	 3rd Quarter Exam Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Unit Launch: What does it take to explore space? Language Focus: Ask and Answer Questions Content Vocabulary: (accelerate height measure motion speed) Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Thinking Map: Compare and Contrast Academic Vocabulary: (average distance rate scale solve) Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Reading Strategy: Draw Conclusions Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 2 (30) March 18th to 22nd 19th ~ Feast of St. Joseph	 Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Adverbs Book 4B Unit 7(Part 1) Review: Part 1
Mar 25th to Apr 5th	Easter Break

Week 3 (31) Apr 8 th to 12 th 10th ~ Easter Mass	 Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Language Focus: Clarify Content Vocabulary: (astronaut launch orbit planet rotation) Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Thinking Map: Plot Academic Vocabulary: (capacity constant limit resistance technology) Writing: (Writing Lesson A) Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Reading Strategy Writing: (Writing Lesson B) Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Writing – Narrative Writing Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 4 (32) Apr 15 th to 19th	 Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Writing: (Writing Lesson C) Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Writing: (Writing Lesson D) Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Writing: (Writing Lesson E) Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Prepositional Phrases Review: Part 2 Writing: (Writing Lesson F) Book 4B Unit 7(Part 2) Unit Wrap-Up
Week 5 (33) Apr 22nd to 26 th	 Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Unit Launch: What's worth protecting? Language Focus: Express Opinions Content Vocabulary: (heritage hero president protect volunteer) Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Thinking Map: Goal and Outcome Academic Vocabulary: (mission motive responsible service value) Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Expand Word Knowledge, Share Word Knowledge, Apply Word Knowledge Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Reading Strategy: Review Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Reading: Read Through Selection A
Week 6 (34) Apr 29th to May 3rd Ist-2nd Pre-Exam Days	 Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Reading: Comprehension Questions and Extension Activities of Selection A Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Think and Respond, Reread and Retell Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Word Work Reading: Selection B, Extension Activities Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Respond and Extend Grammar and Spelling: Past Tense Book 4B Unit 8(Part 1) Review: Part 1
Week 7 (35) May 6 th to 10 th	Reading Comprehension & Great Writing Packet Activities
Week 8 (36) May 13 th to 16 th 15th-16th ~ Q4 Exams	 Reading Comprehension & Great Writing Packet Activities Exam Review 4th Quarter Exams
Week 9 (37) May 20th to 24 th 21 st Graduation Mass	20-24 ~ Student Clearance Days 21 ~ Baccalaureate Mass for Graduating classes 22 & 23 ~ Middle & High School Sports Day 23 ~ Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4 Recognition/Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 24 ~ Gr. 6 - 7 Recognition and Gr. 8 Graduation 24 ~ Lower School Sports Day
Week 10 (38) May 27 th to 30th 4 Days of Class	27 ~ House Culminating Activity 28 ~ Gr. 9-11 Recognition and Gr. 12 Graduation 29 ~ Class Party 30 ~ Last Day of School & Report Card Distribution (half day)

1 ~ Students Last Day	31 ~ Teachers/Staff Meeting