

Dominican International School Kaohsiung



Course Syllabus

Subject: Reading
Teacher: Mr. Blain

Grade: 4 **School Year:** 2023-2024
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Course Description:

Overall description: Students analyze, compare, and creatively respond to various literary works, both fiction and non-fiction. Reading topics are often integrated with social studies or science units of study, so students are reading for a purpose or to better understand a topic. There is an emphasis on reading closely to determine the theme, main ideas, and point of view, as well as determining the reliability of sources.

Raz-Plus Reading Program: Raz-Plus is an individualized online reading program that improves the reading skills of each student. The program provides teachers with the ability to assess oral fluency and accuracy, as well as comprehension, to differentiate instruction to meet each student's needs.

Spelling: The *Words Their Way* Program is a comprehensive spelling program that teaches students spelling rules, phonics, correct pronunciation, and vocabulary. Individualized spelling lists (called "sorts") are tailored to each student's developmental stage of spelling. *Words Their Way* improves student reading fluency, vocabulary, and the ability to decode unknown words.

Course Textbooks/Programs:

Primary Textbook:

- Baumann, J. F., & Fountas, I. C. (2011). *Journeys*. Orlando, FL: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- Words Their Way Program, 2012, Pearson

Class Materials Required:

- Two (2) spiral-bound lined notebooks, size A4
- *Plus* Items on the *Grade 4 Required Classroom Materials List*

Classroom Expectations

To promote a safe and positive classroom community and an environment conducive to learning, all students will:

Respect Self

- Listen and follow directions the first time they are given
- Come to class prepared and on time
- Complete all assignments
- Choose to use words that are appropriate for school
- Speak only in English
- Do your best!

Respect Others

- Listen actively to what others have to say and take turns in conversations
- Raise your hand before speaking
- Follow all of the DISK Handbook rules and procedures

Respect Property

- Handle all school and classroom equipment appropriately and with care
- Ask before touching other people's belongings

Assessment:

Formative, summative, and pre-assessments in the form of projects, quizzes, homework assignments, presentations, quizzes, tests, and quarter exams contribute to the final quarter grade. In addition, students will be assessed for deportment following the D^{OP} STARS Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLRS) which are Spiritual, Truthful, Active, Responsible and Studious.

15% Class Participation & Seatwork
20% Homework, Minor Projects, & Portfolio
25% Unit Tests & Major Projects
30% Quarter Exam/Assessment
10% Deportment

Quarter One - Pacing Guide

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS *In addition to ongoing Raz-Plus reading assignments
Week 1 August 12-14	Reading and Raz Kids Program (1st Running Record) Choosing a 'good fit' book What types of texts are narratives?
Week 2 August 17-21	Journeys Lesson 1: <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> Vocabulary and Plot Elements Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 3 August 24-28	Journeys Lesson 1 cont'd Journeys Lesson 2: <i>How Tia Lola Came to Stay</i> Vocabulary and Types of Characters Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 4 August 31 - September 4	Journeys Lesson 2 cont'd Journeys Lesson 3 <i>The Power of W.O.W.!</i> Vocabulary and Theme Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 5 September 7-11	Journeys Lesson 3 cont'd Journeys Lesson 4 <i>Stormalong</i> Point of View Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program

<p>Week 6 September 14-18</p>	<p>Journeys Lesson 4 cont'd Journeys Lesson 5 <i>Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude</i> Compare and Contrast Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program</p>
<p>Week 7 September 21-25 No School Sep 24-25</p>	<p>Journeys Lesson 5 cont'd Raz-Plus Reading Program</p>
<p>Week 8 September 28 - October 2 No School Oct 1-2</p>	<p>Review Q1 Material for Exams</p>
<p>Week 9 October 5-9 No School Oct 9</p>	<p>Q1 Exam Week</p>

Quarter Two - Pacing Guide

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1 October 12-16	Novel Study (Novel TBD) Vocabulary/Making Inferences Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 2 October 19-23	Novel Study Vocabulary/Plot Elements Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 3 October 26-30	Novel Study Vocabulary/Characters Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 4 November 2-6	Novel Study Vocabulary/Setting Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 5 November 9-13	Novel Study Vocabulary/Point of View Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 6 November 16-20	Novel Study Vocabulary/Theme Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 7 November 23-27	Novel/Movie Compare and Raz-Plus Reading Program

Week 8 November 30 - December 4	Review material for Q2 Exam Specialty Exams Week
Week 9 December 7-11	Q2 Exam Week
Week 10 December 14-18	Christmas Program Christmas Break Dec.21-Jan.4

Quarter Three - Pacing Guide

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1 January 5-8	Journeys Lesson 11: <i>The Screech Owl Who Liked Television</i> /Fact and Opinion Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 2 January 11-15	Journeys Lesson 11 cont'd Lesson 15: <i>Ecology for Kids</i> /Main Idea and Details Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 3 January 18-22	Journeys Lesson 15 cont'd Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 4 January 25-29	Journeys Lesson Lesson 20: <i>Sacagawea</i> /Main Idea and Details Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 5 February 1-5	Journeys Lesson 20 cont'd Lesson 14: <i>The Life and Time of the Ant</i> /Text and Graphic Features Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 6 February 8-19 No School Feb 10-16	Journeys Lesson 14 cont'd Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program Chinese New Year Break Feb 10-16
Week 7 February 22-26	Journeys Lesson 22: <i>I could Do That! Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote</i> /Cause and Effect Raz-Plus Reading Program

Week 8 March 1-5 No School Mar 1	Review for Q3 Exam
Week 9 March 8-12	Q3 Exam Week
Week 10 March 15-19	ITBS Testing (March 18-20)

Quarter Four- Pacing Guide

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1 March 22-26	ITBS Testing Easter Break Mar 29-Apr 5
Week 2 April 5-9 No School Apr 5	Journeys Lesson 19: <i>Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez</i> Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 3 April 12-16	Journeys Lesson 19 cont'd Myths & Legends Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program
Week 4 April 19-23	Myths & Legends Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program

<p>Week 5 April 26-30</p>	<p>Poetry Words Their Way Raz-Plus Reading Program</p>
<p>Week 6 May 3-7</p>	<p>Poetry Raz-Plus Reading Program</p>
<p>Week 7 May 10-14</p>	<p>Q4 Material Review for Exams</p>
<p>Week 8 May 17-21</p>	<p>Q4 Exams</p>
<p>Week 9 May 24-28 Half Day May 27,28</p>	<p>Honors Assembly Closing Mass Graduation/Last Day of School</p>