

4th Grade

Notes from Ms. Adger and Mrs. Collins

The purpose of Mountain Brook Schools is to provide an effective, challenging, and engaging education for every one of our students.

1st Nine Weeks
Week 1

August 24th—28th

Important Dates to Remember:

Open House @ 6:30	8/27
Spelling Test	8/28
D.O.M. Quiz	8/28

Announcements:

- Don't forget to read at least 4 nights each week for 30 minutes! To find the **guided reading** level of most books please visit Scholastic Book Wizard by clicking [HERE!](#)
- Weekly spelling and math tests will be given every Friday. We will provide more information about this at Open House.

Reading Workshop

We have had a great time getting accustomed to some of the procedures of reading workshop and getting to know one another as readers. A big focus in fourth grade is on helping students choose just-right books and knowing their individual just-right reading levels. Reading logs will be checked each Friday, beginning August 28th, and new logs will be given for the upcoming week.

Our first reading unit is called Interpreting Characters: The Heart of the Story. During this unit we will read aloud a mentor text, *Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo.

Math Workshop

On Monday I will introduce the weekly DOM. At the start of each class, students will have 4 practice problems a day. We check these problems together and students are expected to correct using a red pen. On Friday, we will end the week with a DOM quiz similar to the concepts taught that week. Please help your child study by reviewing the problems together. In addition, we will begin our place value unit. Students will learn how to read and write numbers in standard, word, and expanded form up to a million.

Alabama History

In Alabama History we will be researching our great state's symbols! Ask your child if he or she knows what our state bird is or an interesting fact about our state flower! We will also be learning about different regions of Alabama, along with cities, landmarks, rivers, and natural resources found in our great state! Our first field trip this year will be a day long trip to Montgomery in early November.

Writing Workshop

This week we will work together to respond to our first P.O.W. prompt in class (Paragraph of the Week). This will actually be a bi-weekly homework assignment beginning next week. We will also begin our first grammar unit by reviewing capitalization and punctuation rules. Students will be expected to apply these basic rules in their P.O.W. assignments.

Our first writing unit will be personal narrative, which we will start in September.

Weekly Spelling Words

Plural Endings:

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| 1) monkeys | 10) fireflies |
| 2) babies | 11) boys |
| 3) ponies | 12) toys |
| 4) stories | 13) donkeys |
| 5) alleys | 14) candies |
| 6) parties | 15) duties |
| 7) valleys | 16) berries |
| 8) trays | 17) journeys |
| 9) ladies | 18) families |



No one is perfect—that's why pencils have erasers.
-Author Unknown