

## 4th Grade

# Notes from Mrs. Collins and Ms. Adger

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 2

Aug. 31 — Sept. 4

### Important Dates to Remember:

Lancer Applications due	9/4
POW due	9/4
Spelling Test	9/4
DOM Quiz week 2	9/4
Labor Day— no school	9/7
Boosterthon Kick Off	9/9
Boosterthon Fun Run	9/16

### 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](#)!
- Lancer League (MBE student leadership team) applications due Friday. Students interested should complete applications and get parent signature. Return to teacher.



Your success and happiness lie in you.  
-Helen Keller

## Reading Workshop

We are learning how to notice important details about characters in books and to develop significant ideas and theories. We are also learning how to summarize and synthesize events in a story (retelling only most important events). Each Friday we will work in our Reader's Notebooks to respond in writing to either our class read aloud novel or independent reading book. This is an important way to grow our ideas about reading. We will focus on defending or supporting our ideas with evidence from the text. (examples of characters words or actions in story).

## Math Workshop

Current Unit of Study: Place Value

The "I Can" statements for this unit can be found in the math section of their binder.

Next week, we will be focusing on comparing numbers with digits up to the millions place. We will also be working on rounding numbers up to one million in any given place.

The graded DOM quiz will come home on Tuesday. Please review any missed problems with your child. Continue to study those multiplication facts!!

## Science

Current Unit of Study: Living Organisms

We are learning the characteristics of living organisms and important life functions of all living things. In doing so, the students are making an interactive notebook where they will be keeping science notes on the information taught in class. It is important to stay organized and write neatly so that the notes will be useful when preparing for tests.

## Writing Workshop

Students will be given a POW (paragraph of the week) writing prompt and pre-writing packet on Monday. The POW assignment will be due on Friday. Final POW paragraphs can be typed or handwritten and must be turned in with the pre-writing packet. Encourage your child to begin work on the assignment early in the week.

We will begin generating ideas for narrative writing by doing some quick writes in our Writer's Notebook about a special person, place, or event.

### Weekly Spelling Words

Adding inflected endings -s, -ed, and -ing to words with final -y

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| 1) replying | 13) carries |
| 2) copying  | 14) stays   |
| 3) hurrying | 15) enjoys  |
| 4) studying | 16) replied |
| 5) carrying | 17) copied  |
| 6) staying  | 18) hurried |
| 7) enjoying | 19) studied |
| 8) enjoying | 20) carried |
| 9) replies  | 21) stayed  |
| 10) copies  | 22) enjoyed |
| 11) hurries |             |
| 12) studies |             |