

4th Grade

Notes from The 4th Grade Team

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

2nd Nine Weeks
Week 11

Oct. 30-Nov. 3

Important Dates to Remember:

Vocabulary Test	10/31
DOM Quiz	11/3
Spelling Test	11/3



Announcements:

- Make-up pictures will be November 3rd.
- Montgomery Field trip- November 2nd
- No School Nov. 10th in observance of Veteran's Day.
- Book Fair- The 4th grade classes will shop on Thursday, Nov. 16th.
- Thanksgiving Holidays- Nov. 22-24



Wise Words

nothing is impossible
the word itself says
"I'm possible"
-Audrey Hepburn

Reading Workshop

We will continue reading *The Tiger Rising* as well as *Wonder* this week. We will focus on

- Developing theories about characters
- Using a story arc to notice important details about characters
- Using a continuum of skills to analyze written responses

Math Workshop

Current Unit of Study: Multiplication-Area and Perimeter

Students will be using the distributive property and area model to multiply 2 digit by 2 digit numbers. We will also begin reviewing for our multiplication test. A study guide will come home this week for next Tuesday's test.

The graded DOM quiz will come home on Tuesday. Please review any missed problems with your child.

Alabama History

Upcoming Unit: Chapter 5
"Settlement of A Territory"

This week, we will be learning about slavery in Alabama in the early 1800's. Students will be conducting a short research assignment in class on The Underground Railroad.

The chapter concludes with a look at the importance of Eli Whitney's invention, the cotton gin, in making Alabama the "cotton kingdom."

Writing Workshop

Students will apply what they have learned about dialogue, quotation marks, commas, etc. and write dialogue in their fiction stories. In addition, we will discuss how to avoid writing too much dialogue in their stories as well as reviewing how to "show" what is happening rather than just telling.

Spelling Words

Sort 26: oy/oi and ou/ow in
Accented Syllables

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| 1. moisture | 13. allow |
| 2. poison | 14. around |
| 3. noisy | 15. about |
| 4. loyal | 16. announce |
| 5. pointed | 17. avoid |
| 6. voyage | 18. annoy |
| 7. drowsy | 19. employ |
| 8. coward | 20. appoint |
| 9. thousand | 21. destroy |
| 10. county | 22. trouble |
| 11. counter | 23. double |
| 12. amount | 24. southern |
| | 25. country |