

# 4th Grade

# Notes from Mrs. Margaritis and Ms. Collins

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 14

November 14-18

## Important Dates to Remember:

Math Perimeter and Area Quiz	11/15
DOM Week 14	11/18
Vocabulary Test	11/18
School Spelling Bee	11/29 @ 8:15

## Announcements:

- Book Fair is this week November 15-17th. Collins' class will be going Thursday from 9:30-10:00 and Margaritis' class on Thursday from 9:00-9:30. Please feel free to meet your child during that time.
- Fourth Grade Service Project is this month! We are helping to donate books, games, and toys to Santa's Workshop of YWCA. We are asking that your donations be delivered to MBE no later than December 6th.



"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right."

-Franklin Roosevelt

## Reading Workshop

One focus of our nonfiction unit "Reading the Weather, Reading the World" this week is learning to recognize different text structures authors use to organize information in non-fiction texts (cause & effect, chronological order, compare/contrast, etc.). A 2nd focus is on determining the main idea and supporting details in a nonfiction text. Students will learn to summarize nonfiction texts and to include both the main idea and supporting details in their written summaries.

## Writing Workshop

Students will write two different types of opinion essays in our current "Boxes and Bullets" unit. The first will be a personal persuasive essay about how someone or something has impacted our life. The second piece will be an opinion/argument piece written on a current debate topic applicable to kids. This week we will be doing some quick writes to generate ideas for our personal essays.

## Math

Students will be given an Area and Perimeter quiz on Tuesday, November 15th. The students have a review sheet in their binder.

We will begin our unit on division on Wednesday. Students will learn how to divide whole numbers, including division with remainders. Students will look at the relationship between multiplication and division, and learn strategies for solving multi-digit numbers by a 1 digit.

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

## Alabama History

Chapter 5: Settlement of a Territory

This week we will be learning about the kinds of settlers who came to Alabama and how these pioneers lived. We will learn all about the types of homes they built to farming the land and education on the frontier.

## Vocabulary Words

- 1) dissimilar
  - 2) focus
  - 3) function
  - 4) sensitive
  - 5) critical
  - 6) obstacle
  - 7) nosing around
  - 8) edible
  - 9) inedible
  - 10) consistent
  - 11) inconsistent
  - 12) consistently
- ◆ Recognizing synonyms & antonyms (review)
  - ◆ Recognizing words with multiple meanings (review)
  - ◆ Using context to determine word meanings
  - ◆ Using the suffix -ly
  - ◆ Recognizing idioms (review)