



4th Grade Wonders

Unit 1 Week 1



Mrs. Jones

Essential Question: Where do good ideas come from?

Spelling - Focus: Short vowel sounds

Standard List				
1. flat	2. cash	3. band	4. bell	5. left
6. shelf	7. wealth	8. grim	9. mill	10. hint
11. plot	12. dock	13. blot	14. odd	15. sum
16. plum	17. bluff	18. crunch	19. build	20. gym

Challenge List				
1. sandwich	2. clamped	3. shelves	4. sketches	5. heavy
6. wealthy	7. alibi	8. grimace	9. miller	10. skimming
11. slipped	12. plots	13. rotten	14. contract	15. problems
16. smudge	17. bluff	18. culprit	19. crunches	20. typical

Cogitation Station			
1. contractor	2. excellent	3. important	4. opportunity

Vocabulary

brainstorm	To solve a problem by members of a group all sharing ideas
flattened	To make flatter or more level and smooth
frantically	To act wildly because of fear or worry
gracious	To show kindness and courtesy
muttered	Spoken in a low, unclear way
official	To be properly approved or authorized
original	To do, make, or think of something new or different
stale	Something that is old and/or not fresh

Challenge Words	
boastful	Showing excessive pride; bragging
escort	To accompany another person, often to provide protection or guarding
exquisite	Extremely beautiful and delicate
wail	A high-pitched cry



Latin/Greek Root-a-Toot



Root (Origin)	Meaning	Sample Word(s)
exquirere (L)	sought out	exquisite
frentik (Middle English)*	insane, violently mad	frantically
gratia (L)	esteem, favor	gracious
originem (L)	beginning, birth	original

Now You Know

*Middle English is a collection of various forms of English spoken after the Norman Conquest. This was an invasion and occupation of England by an army of Norman and French soldiers during the 11th century. The Normans came from Normandy in France. However, they were originally Vikings from Scandinavia.

Strategies and Skills Focus

Genre	Literature: Fairy Tale
Comprehension Strategy	Making, confirming, and revising predictions
Comprehension Skill	Character, setting, plot: problem and solution
Vocabulary Strategy	Context clues (synonyms)

Grammar Goodies

Sentences	<p>Sentences are a group of words constructed together to form a complete thought. There are four types of sentences that serve different purposes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) A statement sentence tells something. It ends with a period.2) A question sentence asks something. It ends with a question mark.3) An imperative sentence makes a command. It ends with a period.4) An exclamatory sentence expresses strong emotion. It ends with an exclamation point.
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Author's Craft

Description	Authors help the reader understand the story by using descriptive writing. In this week's story, the author illustrates how different Paulina's current life is compared to her old life. She does this by using descriptive writing.
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Literature Connection

Many historians believe that the origins of modern pizza can be traced back to the time of the Roman Jews. After returning from the synagogue on the Passover holiday, the Jews would eat pizzarelle, kosher Passover cookies. Also, Roman soldiers would add cheese and olive oil to matzo, which is a kind of flatbread used by the Jews during the Passover festival.



Images of matzo, which historians believe is the origin of modern pizza.

