



4th Grade Wonders

Unit 3 Week 1



Mrs. Jones

Essential Question:
How can you make new friends feel welcome?

Spelling - Focus: R-Controlled Vowels /er/ /ir/ /ur/

Standard List

1. herbs	2. person	3. sternly	4. serpent	5. worse
6. dirty	7. whirling	8. birth	9. shirt	10. purse
11. curl	12. curve	13. curb	14. hurl	15. turkey
16. squirt	17. purpose	18. blurred	19. requirement	20. announcement

Challenge List

1. herbs	2. personality	3. sternly	4. serpent	5. superbly
6. pearl	7. whirlwind	8. birthmark	9. squirming	10. purse
11. curling	12. curving	13. curbside	14. urban	15. turkey
16. squirting	17. purposeful	18. blurred	19. requirement	20. announcement

Super Spellers

1. persuade	2. persuasion	3. suburban	4. thirsty
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Vocabulary

acquaintance	Someone you know who is not a close friend
cautiously	To do something with care
complementary	Something that makes another thing whole or complete
jumble	A confused mixture or condition
logical	Something that makes sense and is based on reason
scornfully	To say something in a way that shows dislike or an attitude of making fun
trustworthy	To be reliable

Challenge Words

scrounge	To take something with no intention of repaying/returning it
forlorn	Very sad, lonely, or miserable
scuffle	A short fight in tight spaces
dart	To move suddenly and quickly
haunches	The upper part of an animal's leg
leery	To be suspicious or cautious
fate	A power beyond human control that determines what happens



Latin/French Root-a-Toot



Root (Origin)	Meaning	Sample Word
acointier (F)	To make known	acquaintance
complementum (L)	To make perfect/complete	complementary

cautionem (L)	Care	cautious
logica (L)	Reason, idea	logical

Latin/Greek/French Roots Connections

It is **logical** to be **cautious** when making new **acquaintances**. With time, however, these **acquaintances** may become dear friends who **complement** us and make our lives rich and rewarding.

Word Alert: Don't confuse **compliment** (a flattering remark) with **complement** (to make a whole set).

Strategies and Skills Focus

Genre	Fantasy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes invented characters and setting • Includes elements that don't occur in real life (magical qualities or places that don't exist) • Often includes illustrations
Comprehension Strategy	Visualization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay attention to descriptive language • Confirm word meanings • Close eyes and try to visualize a picture of the events in the story
Comprehension Skill	Point of View (The perspective of the narrator and what he/she thinks about the characters and events in the story) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First person uses pronouns I, me, my, mine, we, us • Second person uses pronouns you, your • Third person uses pronouns he, she, they, them
Vocabulary Strategy	Context Clues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clues in surrounding phrases or sentences that are used to help understand the meaning of unknown words

Author's Craft

George Selden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialogue, word choice, characterization
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Author's Purpose

	Compare and Contrast
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Grammar Goodies

	Action Verbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell what subject does, did, or will do • Past, present, and future tenses are used Helping Verbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precedes the main verb (example: <u>is</u> dancing, <u>was</u> jumping)
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Lit Tidbit (Connection to the Story)

Times Square is a major intersection in Manhattan. It got its name in 1904 when the publisher of the New York Times moved the newspaper's headquarters to a skyscraper on what was once known as Longacre Square. The building was the second tallest skyscraper in Manhattan at the time. It became the symbol for a new, exciting era in America.

Times Square is the home to Broadway, "The Great White Way." In the 19th century, Broadway theaters were lit by gas, which was a fire hazard. Architects realized electric light bulbs were safer and had enormous advertising potential, so they started using brilliant lights to attract visitors to the theater district. Soon, this area of Manhattan became known as "The Great White Way."