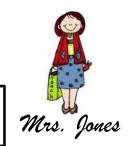


4th Grade Wonders Unit 3 Week 2



Essential Question: In what ways can you help your community?

Spelling - Focus: Silent Letters

		Standard Lis	s t	
1. wrinkle	2. wriggle	3. wrapper	4. wrench	5. wreck
6. answer	7. knead	8. knives	9. known	10. plumber
11. combs	12. thumbs	13. lambs	14. condemn	15. resign
16. doubtful	17. hour	18. honesty	19. persuade	20. purpose
		Challenge Lis	;†	
1. wrinkle	2. wriggling	3. wrapper	4. wrench	5. wreckage
6. answering	7. kneading	8. knapsack	9. knowledge	10. assignment
11. resign	12. doubtless	13. autumn	14. honesty	15. honorable
16. wristband	17. knockout	18. solemn	19. persuasion	20. purposeful

Super Spellers			
1. knuckles	2. succumb	3. scissors	4. fascinating
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Vocabulary

assigned	To be given as a task	
generosity	A willingness to share in an unselfish way	
gingerly	To do something carefully and with extreme caution	
mature	To show qualities of being like an adult	
residents	People who live in a particular place	
scattered	To be spread about	
selective	To be careful about making choices	
Challenge Words		
altruism	Unselfish concern for the welfare of others	
calamity	A disastrous event marked by great loss and suffering	
Herculean	Of extraordinary power or effort	
levee	An embankment, like a dam, constructed to prevent water from overflowing	
shuffle	To walk in a sliding manner without lifting the feet	
temporary	Lasting for a limited time	
torrential	Having the characteristics of a violent stream of liquid	
visibility	The capability of being seen without obstruction	





Latin/French Root-a-Toot

Root (Origin)	Meaning	Sample Word
altrui (F)	Of others	altruism, altruistic

calamitatem (L)	damage, loss, failure	calamity
visibilis (L)	That may be seen	visibility
torrentem (L)	Rushing stream	torrential

Latin/French Roots Connections

Hurricane Katrina was one of our country's greatest <u>calamities</u>. <u>Torrential</u> waters made <u>visibility</u> very poor in many hard hit areas. Many displaced victims of this natural disaster received help and hope from <u>altruistic</u> people around the nation.

Strategies and Skills Focus

Genre	Realistic Fiction
	 Has realistic characters, events, & settings
	 Has events that could happen in real life
	Includes dialogue
Comprehension	Visualization
Strategy	 Pay attention to descriptive language
	 Confirm word meanings
	 Close eyes and try to visualize a picture of the events in the story
Comprehension	Point of View (The perspective of the narrator and what he/she thinks
Skill	about the characters and events in the story)
	 First person uses pronouns I, me, my, mine, we, us
	 Second person uses pronouns you, your
	 Third person uses pronouns he, she, they, them

Grammar Goodies

Verb Tenses	A verb has three basic tenses: past, present, & future	
	Additional tenses include progressive forms:	
	 To make present progressive form, use am, are, or is and ing form of a main verb 	
	 To make past progressive form, use was or were and ing form of a main verb 	
	 To make future progressive form, use will be and ing form of a main verb 	

Lit Tidbit (Connection to the Story)

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Louisiana. It was one of the deadliest storms in U.S. history. Nearly 2,000 people were killed in the storm. Property damage exceeded \$100 billion. New Orleans was especially at risk because its average elevation is six feet below sea level. In addition, it is completely surround by water. Even though levees had been built to keep the city from flooding, certain ones were very unreliable. Experts worried the storm surge could cross over some levees, but they didn't expect the levees would actually collapse. Neighborhoods that were below sea level, many of which housed the city's poorest people, were at the greatest risk of flooding. By the time the hurricane struck New Orleans, it had already been raining heavily for hours. As a result, many levees were breached, causing massive flooding.

Just before the hurricane struck, the mayor of New Orleans issued a mandatory evacuation order and declared the Superdome to be a shelter of last resort. By nightfall, 80% of the residents of New Orleans had evacuated their homes, and thousands sought shelter in the Superdome.