



# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Wonders

## Unit 3 Week 2



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

### Spelling - Focus: Silent Letters

#### Standard List

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 List

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

<b>assigned</b>	To be given as a task
<b>generosity</b>	A willingness to share in an unselfish way
<b>gingerly</b>	To do something carefully and with extreme caution
<b>mature</b>	To show qualities of being like an adult
<b>residents</b>	People who live in a particular place
<b>scattered</b>	To be spread about
<b>selective</b>	To be careful about making choices

#### Challenge Words

<b>altruism</b>	Unselfish concern for the welfare of others
<b>calamity</b>	A disastrous event marked by great loss and suffering
<b>Herculean</b>	Of extraordinary power or effort
<b>levee</b>	An embankment, like a dam, constructed to prevent water from overflowing
<b>shuffle</b>	To walk in a sliding manner without lifting the feet
<b>temporary</b>	Lasting for a limited time
<b>torrential</b>	Having the characteristics of a violent stream of liquid
<b>visibility</b>	The capability of being seen without obstruction



#### Latin/French Root-a-Toot



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

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

### Latin/French Roots Connections

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

### Strategies and Skills Focus

<b>Genre</b>	Realistic Fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has realistic characters, events, &amp; settings</li> <li>• Has events that could happen in real life</li> <li>• Includes dialogue</li> </ul>
<b>Comprehension Strategy</b>	Visualization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pay attention to descriptive language</li> <li>• Confirm word meanings</li> <li>• Close eyes and try to visualize a picture of the events in the story</li> </ul>
<b>Comprehension Skill</b>	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"> <li>• First person uses pronouns I, me, my, mine, we, us</li> <li>• Second person uses pronouns you, your</li> <li>• Third person uses pronouns he, she, they, them</li> </ul>

### Grammar Goodies

<b>Verb Tenses</b>	A verb has three basic tenses: past, present, & future Additional tenses include progressive forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make present progressive form, use <b>am</b>, <b>are</b>, or <b>is</b> and <b>ing</b> form of a main verb</li> <li>• To make past progressive form, use <b>was</b> or <b>were</b> and <b>ing</b> form of a main verb</li> <li>• To make future progressive form, use <b>will be</b> and <b>ing</b> form of a main verb</li> </ul>
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### 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 surrounded 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.