March Grade 4 Vocabulary

*Words with Greek Word Parts ~ geo, photo, auto*

*Coined Words ~ when something is new or invented, a name is made up for it!*

*Word Stories ~ words that have an interesting story about their origin*

*Goal ~ Do packet and play games to master the definitions in the WORD column. These are Tier 2 words ~ words that the students will see and hear again.*

*Games: act out the word, say a sentence but leave the word out ~ see if others can guess, 5 minute quick story write ~ how many words can you use, hangman with HINTS of the definition.*

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| WORD | DEFINITION |
| *geo ~ Earth* |  |
| ge/og/ra/phy | study of Earth’s surface |
| ge/ol/o/gy | study of how Earth was formed |
| ge/om/e/try | study of angles, lines, figures |
| *photo ~ light* |  |
| pho/to/graph | a picture taken by a camera |
| pho/to/gen/ic | someone who looks good in photos |
| pho/to/cop/i/er | a machine that makes copies |
| tel/e/pho/to | a lens that takes pictures from a great distance |
| *auto ~ self* |  |
| aut/o/grpah | when you sign your name |
| aut/o/bi/o/graph/y | when you write about yourself |
| aut/o/mat/ic | self-propelled |
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| COINED WORDS |  |
| as/tron/aut | pilot of spacecraft |
| sky/scra/per | a very tall building |
| sub/urb | community outside of a large city |
| ny/lon | a material made from chemicals |
| hatch/back | a car with hatch in back |
| take/out | prepared food that you take home to eat |
| jazz | music with strong rhythm and unusual accented beats |
| mon/o/rail | a train on a single track |
| lap/top | Small, portable computer |
| in/fo/mer/cial | TV program that gives information and sells a product |
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| WORD STORIES |  |
| pan/ic | sudden unreasonable fear |
| flash/y | something that is colorful and stands out |
| gar/gan/tu/an | something that is huge |
| chi/na | fine pottery used to make dishes |
| pine/ap/ple | fruit that looks like a pinecone |
| van/da/lism | destruction of valued things |
| pop/corn | made by heating popcorn kernels |
| jeep | powerful car with 4 wheel drive |
| fun/ny bone | where a nerve passes your bended elbow |
| eaves/drop | listen in on someone’s conversation |

What we know about syllable division to decode words:

* Every syllable has a vowel. Locate vowels.
* The magic e makes the vowel say its name and is part of the syllable, not a separate syllable.
* 2 usual vowel combinations stay together as part of 1 syllable ~ ai, au, aw, ay, ee, ea, eigh, ie, igh, oa, ou, ow, oi, oy, oo, ui, ue, uy. Unusual combinations are divided, as in *io* in rav/i/ol/i and *eo* in ro/de/o.
* Blends and digraphs stay together! Qu stays together!
* Bossy r combinations stay together ~ ar, er, ir, or, ur.
* Prefixes and suffixes are separated as separate syllables, except in circumstances when ed sounds like a /d/ or /t/ and does NOT make a separate syllable. Ed only sounds like /ed/ and makes a separate syllable when the root word ends in d or t.
* Consonant le at the end of words makes its own syllable.