



## Mrs. Baker's Weekly Newsletter

Friday, January 27, 2012

**Math/Spelling:** We completed the Chapter 6 this week and took a test on the key concepts. On Friday, we began discussing Chapter 7 by learning how to take surveys. We will continue this chapter next week by focusing on finding range, mean, median, mode and problem solving. This is a short chapter, so the **chapter test will be towards the end of next week.**

In spelling, the students took their lesson 18 test, which is a review from lessons 13-17. Next week, we will focus on compound words.

**Language:** Much of the week was focused on our new writing assignment, Tall Tales. We read a variety of tall tales and learned the key elements (such as exaggeration) to writing them. Afterwards, the students began brainstorming and writing their own tall tale story. At the end of the week, we began discussing compound words. Next week, we will continue our writing, and review for a language test. **The test will be on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** It will include concepts such as possessive nouns, abbreviations and compound words.

**Reading:** This week's focus was reading a non-fiction article, in the Scholastic StoryWorks magazine called, "How I Survived the Tsunami". The students enjoyed reading the article and were amazed by the impact the Tsunami had on one Japanese town. **On Monday, there will be a short quiz based on the article and vocabulary words.** Next week, we will also begin our next novel, The Enormous Egg. It's a fun story about a boy who finds an unusual egg in his chicken coop.

**Science:** We finished learning about rocks and minerals this week, and the students took their lesson quiz on Thursday. We then began discussing the next lesson, Soil. This is a short lesson, so I am hoping to move quickly and have a **short quiz on Thursday.**

**\*\*Report cards will be sent home next week!**

Have a nice weekend!

~Mrs. Baker