

**January 16h-20th, 2012**

# **Ms. Kolakowskis' Fourth Grade News**

## **Science**

In Science this week we will begin Chapter 10. Students will be able to comprehend that a change of state is a physical change. We will also differentiate between physical changes and chemical changes.

## **Reading**

In Reading this week we will Begin to read *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling. This book is about Harry who "has never played a sport while flying on a broomstick. He's never worn a cloak of invisibility, befriended a giant, or helped hatch a dragon.

All Harry knows is a miserable life with the Dursleys, his horrible aunt and uncle, and their abominable son, Dudley. Harry's room is a tiny closet at the foot of the stairs, and he hasn't had a birthday party in eleven years. But all that is about to change when a mysterious letter arrives by owl messenger: a letter with an invitation to a wonderful place he never dreamed existed. There he finds not only friends, aerial sports, and magic around every corner, but a great destiny that's been waiting for him...if Harry can survive the encounter". Hogwarts is the main campus and setting of *Harry Potter*, there are also four "houses" or dorms that students belong to; Hufflepuff, Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin. Each student in the class picked their house by drawing a house name from the 'sorting hat'. Please ask your child which house he/she belongs to and what it means to be a part of that house. We will read one chapter of *Harry Potter* everyday with a chapter quiz the following day. We will also do many fun activities involving the characters of *Harry Potter*.

## **Math**

This week in Math we will continue to practice our multiplication facts and review triangles and quadrilaterals as well as identify geometric terms relating to circles.

## **Spelling Lesson 19**

shark	attack
risk	public
sink	question
electric	jacket
blank	ache
crooked	drink
topic	track
blanket	struck
mistake	junk
squirrel	stomach

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## **Important dates to Remember**