Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of January! This month has flown by. The first half of the school year is over and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards are posted to your family access on our school website. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's grades, please let me know. We do have parent teacher conferences coming up on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, so we can discuss your child's progress at that time as well.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Badger Backpack Program! We received lots of food items and they will be used for a very good cause. We are so lucky to live in such a generous community! Here is a look at the week ahead:

Reading: We finished our 3<sup>rd</sup> unit in reading so the kids will be getting new books on Monday. We will be reading <u>Drakes Tail</u> and learning about long a words with the pattern ai and ay. The story quiz and spelling test will be next Friday.

Math: We will continue learning about place value concepts and we will continue to practice counting money. Counting money can be a difficult concept so I have shown the students how to use touch points to help them out.

Science: We have covered all of our social studies standards for the year and we will be moving on to science. We will continue to cover social studies concepts throughout the year but our focus will now be on science. The students will be learning all about animals for the first unit and they will have some neat projects to go along with it.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend! I'll see you Monday© ~Annie

## **Drakes Tail**

## Spelling Words

Your child should be able to **read and spell** the following words.

Long a ai, ay	mail	chain	play
	rain	way	day
Review Words	string	split	
Sight Words	walked	eight	

## Sight Words

Your child should be able to read the following words without hesitation.

across	carry	eight	once	saw
upon	walked			