



# The Becker Buzz

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### Math Unit 2

We are approximately half way through unit 2. In this unit we are focusing on collecting, analyzing and interpreting data. Some key words we are learning this unit include, maximum, minimum, range, mode, median, line plot, data, and landmark. To help us understand these concepts we even graphed data about our family on a line plot.

Your child gets about 5 minutes to start their Study Link every night. They should bring it home for you to look at even if they have gotten it done in class.

### Mrs. Becker's Website Up and Running!

I have finally had a chance to update my website on the Marshall Elementary School page. To access it go to [www.marshall.k12.wi.us](http://www.marshall.k12.wi.us) and go to the Elementary tab. Once there, click on the staff directory on the left side. Find Mrs. Becker and click on the website link on the right. On the website you can find extra newsletter copies, snack calendar copies, assignments (extra copies of applicable) our school calendar, our classroom schedule, photos of our class, and great websites to enrich learning at home. There are also links to helpful sites like Destiny Quest, and Scholastic. Enjoy!!

### Daily 4 Individual Conferencing to Begin

I have finished assessing the students in reading and now will be able to meet with them for individual conferences. I find that we can better meet reading goals one on one rather than in groups. Your child will also have to write a letter to me every week prior to their meeting. In the letter they will talk about their book, how they like it, what strategies they are working on, what is going well and what they would like to improve.

We are also going to talk this week about the amount of books I would like them to read by the end of the school year. I will set a goal of 20 chapter books to be read by June. While this is a large number of books I am sure that they will get very close if not far surpass this number. They may include any book they may be reading at home as well. Once they finish a book, they will prove to me they read the whole thing in our individual conference, and then they will get a sticker stamp in their "passport" to signify a book completed.

### Social Studies Wrapping Up

In the next two weeks we will finish up our first round of Social Studies and move on to Science. This week we will focus on Wisconsin landforms and regions.

### Calendar

Please refer to the snack calendar for the days we have specials. We will also write in our assignment notebook which specials we will be having the next week.

Just a heads up"

I have a few meetings next week and will have a sub on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>

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