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Dear Families,

This is a weekly newsletter. In this letter you will find information about what your child is doing in school this week. Information about homework will also be here.

Students will be reading Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest by Steve Jenkins this week. Our reading concept will be to compare and contrast. Today, students are bringing home a Family Times paper. This is filled with information about this week's reading, vocabulary, strategies, and a related activity. Students will also be getting a workbook page to practice these skills on Thursday evening. This sheet (front and back) is due back on Friday.

Students will continue doing lots of CMT preparation this week including editing and revising.

Spelling words went home today. There will be a test on these words on Friday.

Social Studies this week will include learning a little about the culture of New Orleans, Louisiana. Next week we will have a test on this unit of social studies. A study sheet will go home on Monday and the test will be on Friday.

In math this week, students will finish up chapter 23 (2- and 3-dimensional figures) with a review and a test. Then, we will begin chapter 24, learning about congruent shapes, symmetry, area and perimeter. Math homework will be given Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. These completed sheets are due the next school day.

Sincerely,

Name _____

Comprehension Questions for
Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest

1. On the back, do a Venn diagram comparing living in Al Aziziyah, Libia to living in Vostok Antarctica. Put at least 2 things in each section.
2. Think of a possible reason that Death Valley got its name. Write it here:

3. What was the author's purpose for writing this? (to inform, to entertain, to persuade)

4. How are the Nile and the Amazon alike?

What page did you find that on? _____

5. Lake Baikal contains more fresh water than the largest freshwater lake in the world. Why?

6. Why is it so windy on the top of Mount Washington?

What page did you find that information on? _____