

6<sup>th</sup> grade class visit  
Linda Szlarski, Marshall Fundamental School  
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I did not prepare my own presentation for this visit. I downloaded the USGS earthquake presentation. I also showed a few videos that I downloaded from the internet, but these are not of great note.

On Tues Feb. 9th, 2010, I visited the 6th grade classroom of Linda Sklarzki at Marshall Fundamental School at 990 North Allen St. The students were about to begin a two week module on earthquakes, so I spoke to them for an hour about some of the basic concepts of earthquakes. I began by showing two videos of the destruction following the 94 Northridge earthquake and the 89 Bay Area earthquake. I then went through a series of slides and explained concepts like plate tectonics, faults and seismic waves. The kids were pretty unruly, although they did ask a lot of questions. As always, my advice for classroom visits is to make the material interesting and encourage a lot of questions and discussion. The goal is to inspire the kids, rather than hold them accountable for specific facts.