Symbols, Atomic Numbers and Atom Masses

 Objective – To work with information on the periodic table.

## Symbols

 Symbols: 1 or 2 letter abbreviation for element. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter is always lower case.

• Some Element Symbols: based on the Latin name for the element.

## Atomic Numbers Atomic Number: How many protons and electrons.

## • Atomic Mass: protons plus neutrons.

## **Atomic Masses**

- Rounding the Atomic Mass: Usually to the tenth X.X.
- Lightest elements on the periodic table: towards the top & to the left.
- Heaviest elements on the periodic table: towards the bottom and to the right.