Greetings GAPU 5th grade students and families,

Math: We are starting a new unit on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.

Literacy: Students have been learning about the science of climate change. We have analyzed multiple articles about the effects of climate change on ecosystems around the world. We will also explore how scientists are combating climate change with solutions that can help people, animals and ecosystems.

Social Studies: We begin our unit on the English colonies in North America including an in-depth exploration of the first settlement in Virginia and its effect on the indigenous people there.

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Masks: The new policy to keep GAPU students and staff safe during COVID is that if a student is repeatedly not wearing their mask correctly, they will be sent home.

Please review mask wearing with your student. Masks must be worn correctly and over noses at all times inside the school building. The only exception is when students are eating in the cafeteria or drinking from a water bottle.

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