Greetings GAPU 5th grade students and families,

**Math:** We have been learning a lot about algebra since returning from Winter Break. We have also completed a unit on solving expressions using the Order of Operations. Our next units are on geometry, finding the area of 2D shapes, and understanding how to find the surface area and volume of 3D shapes.

**Literacy:** We have just completed a series of non-fiction articles as well as an author study of African American author Andrea Davis Pinkney. Next, we will be reading a short novel, *A Long Walk to Water*, a true story about one of the Lost Boys of Sudan. We will be practicing various reading skills as we go.

**Social Studies:** Our nail-biting historical novel about the tumultuous founding of James Town in 1607 is drawing to a close. We have learned a lot about the misconceptions the English brought with them to North America and their fragile relationships with the Indigenous people. We also looked at how the myth of Pocahontas and John Smith came about.

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**SPPS Calendar**

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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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