Greetings GAPU 5th grade students and families,

**Math:** We are doing a mini math unit where students write 2 step rules (ex. $y=4x-2$), complete tables and then graph the data. Our next unit will be 3 weeks of analyzing data by finding the mean, median, and range of a data set.

**Literacy:** We are now learning about the structures and functions of amazing animals and how adaptations have helped these animals survive. We will be learning about pompeii worms, tasmanian devils, platypuses and much more.

**Social Studies:** We are beginning to learn about the 13 American colonies. We will be studying the 3 regions; New England colonies, Middle colonies, and the Southern Colonies. Students will learn about the climate, culture, economies and the populations that made these regions unique and distinctive.

**SPPS Calendar**

No school March 4 for all students  
No school on March 25 for preK-5 students  

Upcoming: Spring Break is April 4-8. There will be no school that week.

**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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