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Good afternoon Parents and Guardians:

I hope you are doing well. By February 2, 2024, your student will have completed the review and mastery of concepts in Unit 2. To provide a general overview of the standards covered, students learned how to write arguments to support claims and cite textual several pieces of evidence in Reading and in Math they learned about Sales tax, tips, and Mark-up. Your student covered state standards and materials over nine weeks (please see the attached for more detailed information). Following the assessment, they will begin reviewing Unit 3 standards in preparation for the next round of Benchmark Assessments. Between November 1st and 15th, students will complete their End of Cycle 1 Benchmark Assessments. All assessments will be taken in class during school hours. Please be sure that your child arrives at school on time each day and has a good night's sleep.

The assessments provide teachers and you an understanding of how well your student mastered materials in areas that need to be addressed in preparation for the next school year. After each Benchmark Assessment, parents are sent a letter indicating student scores and their personal goals for the next cycle. This process not only provides parents with academic information, it assigns personal accountability to your child. They set goals, monitor their progress and then determine if their goal is met

Please continue encouraging and supporting your child "no matter" the result. Every child learns at his or her own pace.

The mission of the Fairfield Township School District is to assure all students an equal opportunity to participate in a diverse instructional program that promotes self-worth, citizenship and the achievement of high standards. In a modern and safe learning environment, students will become successful and contributing members of a democratic society.

Yours in education,

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Dear Family,

In ELA Unit 2, your grade 7 student learned about space exploration, and considered concepts related to space missions and colonizing other worlds. Students read a variety of texts and listened to and viewed media as they discussed the Essential Question for the unit.

Activities and assignments in Unit 2 helped your student meet the following Common Core State Standards for reading literature and informational texts, writing, and speaking and listening. Here are some key standards students worked toward mastering in this unit

Reading

- Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama.
- Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.
- Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version of the text, including contrasting what they “see” and “hear” when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch.

Writing

- Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.

Speaking and Listening

- Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
- Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.

In Math, your 7th Grader is learning:

Integers and Absolute Value	Divide Integers
Add Integers	Multiply Integers
Subtract Integers	

For a list of all NJDOE standards: <https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/>