# February 13, 2017

Hello Parents,

I hope everyone had a great and relaxing weekend with the great weather we had! That was a nice change. We have only 3 weeks left until we track out! Woohoo! We do; however, still have a lot of material to cover before we can start review. Please use the resources on my classroom website for anything your child needs to work on. When we leave for track-out I will send home a slip of paper that shows which standards your student most needs to work on. Then you can use those resources, and more I will put up, to practice and review during the break.

## What We Are Learning

Math - We are continuing to work with fractions. We have moved from comparing fractions to adding and subtracting them. THANKFULLY in 4th grade we only add and subtract fractions with like denominators so we don't have to worry about changing them. The trickiest thing we will come up against soon is changing mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa.

ELA – We are still reading Number the Stars which the students are really interested in. We are working on themes of plays, novels, and poems. We are also comparing poems, plays, and novels. We will begin that this week. You can ask your student things like, "What are the 'paragraphs' in a poem really called?" or "What are the parts of plays that are in parenthesis or the parts that are in italics?"

Social Studies – We are learning about the NC government. We are talking this week about the different branches of government and their responsibilities. We only talk about how this at the state level. In 5th grade they will learn about the U.S. government.

Writing – We are finishing up a writing assignment where students had to share their opinion on if the circus was good or bad after doing research. Next week they will begin a piece that is a book review on a book they read this year.

Announcements - Unfortunately, my grandfather passed away on my birthday, last Friday. I will be heading home to Charlotte on Wednesday and will not be back until next week. The substitute I have is great so the class is in good hands. Learning will continue as usual. Please just be aware that I will not be checking e-mail or Remind as I need to be with my family.

Thank you,

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