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Hi Warriors!!

While we still need to connect with our friends and family, this is not the time to be on games and social media for most of the day.

We still need to be using our math skills during this time away from school. This is a time of learning in alternate ways, not a vacation.

The **InvestWrite Essay** is still assigned and expected when you return. This is a grade for Math and Language Arts. You received a graphic organizer to help you plan your essay before Spring Break. You will need to do some research online in order to write your essay. This essay is in reference to the Stock Market Game we have been playing. If you cannot find your information, you can go to [Investwrite.org](http://Investwrite.org) for further information. The essay can be typed or handwritten. You may send it to me by email.

### **Check with you parents before you do anything online.**

**Middle Schoolers can work on Freckle Math.** I have assigned some domains for you to work on and will add some new ones as needed.

You should be able to log in and many of you know your class passwords.

If not they are:

5th grade - Mascax

6th grade - Mascac

7th grade - Masca8

8th grade - Mascaf

This is a great way to review and solidify concepts. I do receive daily feedback from Freckle, so I will know who is working and how they are doing. If you have any questions, you can email me at the above address.

### **FUN MATH to do with your family (try one or all of them)**

**Make a recipe** – cookies, cake, main meal, or any of your choosing. You can look online for a new recipe to try. This reinforces fractions.

As an added challenge, pretend you have lost half of your measuring cups and spoons. Then use only the ones you have to make the fractions you need. In other words, if you only have a  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup, how do you measure  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup? Or you only have a  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon, how do you measure 1 tablespoon.

I would love to hear how this goes. Was the recipe edible? Did it turn out well? You can include a picture (hopefully it makes me hungry!!).

## **Family Financing and Budgeting**

Make or Share a Budget with your children – You can “give” them a set amount, like \$1000 or \$2000, and have them plan how they would use the money to meet their needs and wants. This is as if they are on their own, so rent and food are their responsibilities. Make a log of what you came up with. Parents, I know this topic can be stressful for you, as some are experiencing loss of hours and wages. Be thoughtful as to how much of your personal finances you share with your children.

**Make Something that you need to use a tape measure** – this could be wooden items, sewing projects, or any craft items from items you have around your home – items you would throw away or recycle anyway. Try to have some of the measurements be fractions. If you have space, go outside and do some broad jumps and measure them.

**Count all the change in your home or car** – If you have enough, roll it up so you can get the bills.

\*\*\* Keep your mind active during this time, drink lots of water, get some exercise (games are not considered exercise for your fingers!), sleep at night, do your chores, and help your family.

**Make sure to smile and laugh together!! Maybe even sing and dance.**

I look forward to seeing you back at school. Do not worry, when we come back to school, we will finish the last 7-15 topics in the book.

If you have questions or concerns, please email me at [tmascarenas@cochiseschool.org](mailto:tmascarenas@cochiseschool.org) and I will reply.

Think mathematically,  
Mrs. Mascarenas