Dear Family,

During the next few weeks, our math class will be learning about rational numbers, algebraic expressions, equations, and inequalities.

You can expect to see work that provides practice in adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing rational numbers. Later, the work will involve algebraic expressions, equations, and inequalities.

As your child works through this unit, ask how working with rational numbers is like working with fractions and decimals. Then ask how it is different.

Sincerely,

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**Vocabulary**

- **evaluate** Substitute given values for the variables and perform the operations needed to find the value of an expression.
- **equation** A mathematical sentence with an equals sign.
- **rational number** A number that can be expressed as a ratio of two numbers. $1.3 = \frac{13}{10}$
- **inequality** A number sentence that states that two expressions are not equal. $6 + 7 > 5 + 8$

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**Technology**

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