



Stella Maris Academy – March 28, 2020
Mr. Fugitt's Fourth Grade Class

The Friday Four

"Four things Fourth Graders need to know this Friday"

Number 1: The kids did GREAT their first week of distance learning!

I would like to give a very big thank you to the students and their parents. Everyone got online for all of our zoom classes this week. I know that there were, and will continue to be, technical troubles, but we managed to get through them this week without too much trouble. This is due in large part to our great parents, who have really gone above and beyond to help make distance learning work for their children. Please know that I, and all the teachers here at SMA appreciate the work you have to do at home to support your student's learning. Thank you!

Next week, which is scheduled to be our last week of distance-learning, we will continue with a similar schedule. I will be introducing a few more of the on-line platforms with the kids, so make sure they have access to the list of accounts and passwords that was given to them when they picked up their school supplies. Try to log on to the accounts listed there before we start next week so the kids know how to do it on their own. If you are having trouble getting on to any of the sites, please let me know.

Number 2: Language Arts has lots of Parts.

This past week the students have been going through the different aspects of our Language Arts curriculum. This has included grammar, vocabulary, spelling, handwriting, listening, reading, speaking, and writing. As we go through each day, many of these topics will be addressed in our other subjects. This past week, our reading comprehension skills were developed as part of our Social Studies curriculum while we learned about the geography and geology of California. We worked on our writing skills while learning about Jesus' place in the Blessed Trinity and his role as Savior. Even if we are not in Language Arts class, we are always working on our language skills!

Number 3: We are coming together soon.

As I'm sure you have heard by now, Stella Maris will be resuming in-person learning in the coming weeks. The administration has rolled out a schedule for bringing the kids

back on campus gradually, with specific dates and times for supply drop-off, staggered start dates, and reduced schedules.

Please keep an eye on your emails from Mrs. Moss, SchoolSpeak, and the Front Office for ongoing updates. Please know that our first priority is always the welfare of the children, and we are doing all we can to meet their academic, social, spiritual, and health needs. We truly appreciate all your patience and understanding.

Number 4: We will have Mass next Friday.

Next Friday, September 4th, the fourth graders will celebrate Mass here at Stella Maris Academy at 11am. Look for an invitation and reminder from Mrs. Moss next Thursday. Students should come in their school or Mass uniform (depending on the weather next week) and are required to wear masks and practice social distancing as a family group. Parents are required to stay with their children during Mass. Currently, we are having all Masses outdoors on the sports court, but I will let you know if that changes.

This week's prayer:

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

(Today is the Feast day of St. Augustine. This past week we discussed how the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus at Pentecost to give them strength and guidance. This week's Prayer to the Holy Spirit is one of St. Augustine's most well-known prayers)

*Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that
my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my
work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I
love but what is holy.
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to
defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that
I always may be holy. Amen.*

