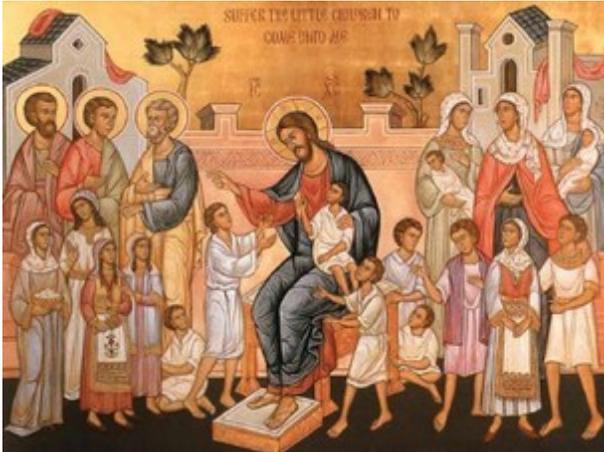




Stella Maris Academy – September 4, 2020
Mr. Fugitt's Fourth Grade Class

The Friday Four

“Four things Fourth Graders need to know this Friday”



Number 1: We are all called to be Disciples

This past week we've been studying the Beatitudes and how they teach us to live our lives as Disciples of Christ. Being a disciple means acting and speaking in a way that shows our love of God, and our respect for others. This can be difficult, especially these days, but it is something that all of us should practice.

Next week we will be talking about the nature of sin in our world, and how we are called to turn away from sin when we are confronted with it.

Number 2: It's fun to play with maps

In social studies this week we have been looking at how the world is divided into hemispheres, and how we can use latitude and longitude to find our exact location in the world. This is a tricky concept for the kids, especially given how little we use maps in our modern world. Encourage them to explore google earth, or pull up some old map images from the internet. Having a paper road map is a great thing to play with (and learn how to fold!)



Number 3: BIG numbers can be tricky

We've been continuing our exploration of big numbers, focusing on rounding and estimating this week. The kids have been doing great! You can help them by reminding them that neatness is important when adding and subtracting large numbers. Most mistakes are the fault of digits 'drifting' into the wrong place value column. We

practiced doing our work on lined paper turned sideways. It's an easy way to make sure the place values stay lined up.

Going into next week we will review 'ungrouping' place value digits as we subtract larger numbers.



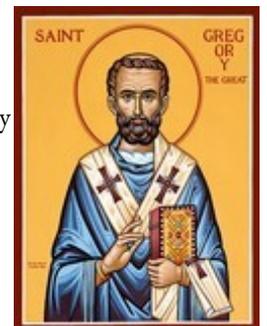
Number 4: I can't wait to see you!

Next week starts our in-person learning! There is no school on Monday, but the 4th graders are on campus Tuesday and Wednesday for half-days (dismissal at 12:30pm). There is no school for them on Thursday and Friday.

Please make sure you check the school newsletter and website for any updates and special instructions for drop-off and pick-up. We all thank you in advance for your patience as we prepare and adjust to having the kids on campus again.

This week's prayer:

Prayer for Students



(Yesterday was the Memorial of St. Gregory the Great. He was Pope, and was named a Doctor of the Church. He is a patron of educators, so this week's prayer will be a prayer for students. How appropriate as we come back together next week!)

*Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.*

*Send your Spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may
devote themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*