



Stella Maris Academy – September 11, 2020
Mr. Fugitt's Fourth Grade Class

The Friday Four

"Four things Fourth Graders need to know this Friday"

Number 1: We had a great first two days together

Even though it was a short week with short days, it was wonderful to see so many faces in the classroom. There are a lot of changes to our daily routines, and we are all figuring out the best way to do things. I really appreciate how flexible and understanding the kids have been. As we go forward, our schedule will settle down and our routines will become more 'routine'. One of the big



challenges we will have is going to be class participation. I know it's difficult to talk behind our masks, but I still like to hear your voices!

Number 2: Keep practicing big numbers

Next week we are going to continue working with big numbers and regrouping. Remember to watch the sign, as we start mixing addition and subtraction. The big challenge we have had is remembering when to regroup and borrow from the place value to the left. Remind your students to think through the problem one step at a time, and not try to rush. I would much rather see one right answer than lots of wrong ones.

Next week we will also focus on word problems. This can be challenging, but it is one of the most important skills we will be working on. The kids will work on reading the problem carefully and figuring out what is being asked, before they start to do any computations.

Number 3: Prepositions make our writing better

As we continue our work with prepositions, next week we will practice memorizing our preposition list (found on the first page of their grammar book). Memorizing this list will help them to make their writing more precise, and will greatly aid in their construction of complex sentences. I will be sending home a preposition list for them to practice at home.



Number 4: Finger Fun

This week we started our exploration of body systems and how they work. We talked about three structures that make movement possible throughout our body (joints, tendons, and muscles). Next week we will be making models of our fingers to find out how these structures work together. At-home-learners are welcome to upload videos of their 'robot fingers' so we can share them with the class!

This week's prayer:

Today, as we remember the tragedy of September 11th, 2001, let us pray Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer be offered when he visited the site of the World Trade Center in 2008

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here - the heroic first responders: our firefighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth.

Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

- Pope Benedict XVI