## **March News from Grade 4**



**Religion:** We will spend March in the spirit of Lent by praying the Stations of the Cross for Children, learning about and doing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, and living the 10 Commandments. We will examine the Stations of the Cross closely and discuss what we learn at each Station. Grade 4 will also learn more about The Divine Mercy Image, St. Faustina, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We will also be working on our Saint Reports as part of ELA, identifying ways the saints lived the Works of Mercy throughout their lives. We look forward to presenting our reports, when we will dress up as our saint!

**ELA:** We will continue to sharpen our comprehension skills, identifying main ideas and key details, inferencing, text structure, author's purpose, cause and effect, and theme as we leap into legends and tall tales in our new unit. We will also continue to practice our use of the writing process as we conduct research using various resources for our Saint Reports. We hope to finish out Unit 4 Grammar as we study adverbs and prepositions and then begin Unit 5 on pronouns. We are also working on samples of NYS test questions for the upcoming state exams.

**Social Studies**: Grade 4 is excited to begin learning about the colonists and colonial life. We will be watching great videos from Discovery Education. We will learn how the Dutch colonists worked, what they enjoyed doing for fun, and how they met their needs during that time.

**Math:** The fourth grade will continue to study fractions in March! We will multiply fractions using models and fractions strips, as well as solve problems using time. Using MAP Accelerator, working in blended learning groups, and working with our Math partners is helping us to sharpen our skills!

**Science:** Grade 4 will be moving into a new unit in Science, focusing on energy resources. We will be doing the "Light it Up" module to prepare for next year's state Science exam. We look forward to doing a whole new series of hands-on experiments and investigations!

As always, we are excited and busy as we learn wonderful new things! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at <a href="mailto:debra.scipioni@kingstoncatholic.org">debra.scipioni@kingstoncatholic.org</a>! God bless!