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A GOOD MORNING

by Tina Silvestri, Principal

To start my day off on a good note, I enjoy greeting students and parents in the parking lot in the morning.

While I have been in the parking lot, I have seen some concerns for our students and their safety. I have witnessed cars going against the flow of traffic, families/students that may not be crossing safely across the parking lot, and cars using the wrong driveway to enter/exit. I would like to provide clarification to our drop off and pick up process.

When you enter the parking lot of the school, please enter the second driveway. Turn left to drive around the basketball nets to the area where students stand before school begins. Once your child/ren exit the car, proceed forward up to where the main doors are to turn right and exit the first driveway. You can also turn left and exit the driveway near the entrance to the rectory. If you are walking your child/ren up the school building, please park in the second parking lot and use the crosswalk near the gracious greeters to walk safely across. If you have relatives dropping off or picking up, please share our procedures with them as well. Your help is truly appreciated to keep our students safe.

SCRIP NEWS

Happy November! Now is the time to start to thinking about Christmas shopping. Scrip can help, and pay you back towards your tuition. Order by November 13, 2017 at 3pm so you can have your cards for Black Friday shopping.

NEED PARISH VOLUNTEER HOURS???

Cemetery clean up is THIS SATURDAY November 4, 2017 at 9am. See the bulletin for more details

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KINDER-GARDEN CORNER

by Ann Perry, Kindergarten teacher

In Kindergarten we do a lot of counting. We count by ones, tens, fives, and twos. We count objects and dots and match sets to number cards. We count on graphs and we count the days we have come to school. My favorite counting, however, is our daily counting of our blessings.

We count our days using arrows. On each arrow we write the number day it is, and then we take turns adding a blessing. In the beginning the kids are unsure of what a blessing is, so we talk about how blessings are gifts from God and they can be anything we are grateful for. Initially the children are unsure and we have a lot of repeat blessings, but as the year progresses the children begin to come up with their own special blessings – things that mean something to them. Our blessings have included family members, pets, special people in their lives, their favorite food, and God. I love to watch their little faces as they ponder what their blessing will be. They know that this is a special time and they will have to wait 18 more days until they can give another blessing, so they really think about it. What's even more precious is after someone has given a blessing the rest of the class will comment on how sweet or nice that blessing is. Listening to the blessings of five and six year olds is a blessing in itself, because it allows me to stop and think about life in a much simpler way and to appreciate all the Lord has given me.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and with it the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. My wish for each of you is that, during this busy time of the year you are able to find some time to count your blessings.

SAINTS IN ACTION

Saintly behavior gets a lot of attention at St. Augustine and we LOVE being able to share it with parents.

This week we'd like to highlight **FAITH FLETCHER** who was spotted helping a 2nd grader who had their hands full with their saint report. Faith carried their backpack without being asked to do so. Thank you, Faith, for modeling Saintly behavior, not only with your words, but with your actions.

We will be on the lookout for more SAINTS IN ACTION.