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Lingua Latina III Vivit, MMVII-MMVIII

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Explorations and Goals: "Why do we study Latin?"

This year's 8th graders say:

** "We can learn where our government came from and understand how it works better."*

**"We study Roman history so that we can appreciate the advancements the Romans made in architecture, engineering, literature, and things like that. We can also learn from the bad mistakes the Romans made, so we don't repeat them."*

***"We can build our English vocabulary even more and learn more about all language, especially how the Romance languages work. It helps us a lot with our English grammar."**

**"We get to study mythology and understand more about how the human mind works."*

I. Required Books and Materials: Our tools

- A. Cambridge Latin Course Unit I, and II, textbook and workbook, Fourth Edition and Ecce Romani, textbook
- B. Myths and Their Meanings
- C. A Student's Latin Grammar
- D. Latin Dictionary, Second Edition, Amsco Publication
- E. a 2" binder with 9 dividers. Please label them as follows:
 - a) assignments b) nouns c) verbs d) adjectives, etc. e) words f) stories
 - g) myth/civ h) tests i) homework
- F. 2 sharp pencils, one blue or black pen, four pens or pencils of different colors
- G. three different colored highlighters
- H. whiteout or erasers
- I. binder rings and colored 3X5 cards for flashcards
- J. Always keep plenty of binder paper!!
- K. Last year's flashcards and notes

II. Grading: errare humanum est

Jump in and try every assignment, even if you suspect that you may be doing it "all wrong". Better to make a mistake and learn from it than not to try at all.

What to expect for grading:

A. class preparations—50% of your grade at 1st and 3rd quarter and 45% of your grade at semester:

1. HOMEWORK: each assignment is worth 20 points. Magistra will check and stamp homework at random, unannounced times. But be ready all the time! You will receive either a stamp (because you have engaged yourself with it) or an "R" for "Redo" (then if you want credit for your homework, Magistra needs to receive the "Redo" promptly back, usually the next day).

If you are ill, check your weekly assignment sheet, call your "sodalis laboris", or check the web and Moodle pages for assignments and worksheets. You have one day for every day you are sick to make-up the work.

Meus sodalis laboris est _____.

2. Binder: Magistra will inspect the 2" binder at random unannounced times. A parent will need to inspect it and sign-off an inspection sheet once a quarter.

Please keep in it:

a) all class handouts

b) plenty of notes from class

c) all your homework with corrections from class written in a different color from the original work.

d) all tests and test corrections

*******NEVER THROW ANYTHING AWAY!!!*******

B. projects/portfolio--10%of each semester grade: Your first semester project this year, "Antiquities in America", will be centered on your trip to Washington DC and will be due in December. In addition, you will build your portfolio over the course of the year and compile it at the end of May. It will be your Latin class magnum opus at graduation.

C quizzes and tests—50% of your 1st and 3rd quarter grades and 45% of your semester grade. You will record all your scores on a "quiz record sheet" where your parents may check the scores along with the week's homework in order to help monitor your progress. The only tests you may retake are your Skills Mastery Quizzes, which you must take until you score at least on 85%.

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