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LatinSummer

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Questions for Friday, August 7, 2009

Latin Class: Topic – Roman Professions

1. Why was Julius Caesar important? What would Roman history be like without him?
2. If you were transported back to ancient Rome, what profession would you choose, and why?
3. Name some of the Latin names for Roman professions, and explain their importance to the ancient society.

Greek Class: Topic – Writing the Alphabet, Review

1. Show your family how you can write your name in Greek letters. Then write the names of your family members in Greek as well.
2. Tell your parents the two most interesting things that you learned in Greek class.
3. Come up with a game of Jeopardy, Hollywood Squares, or Who Wants to Be a Millionaire to play with your family and friends that helps to teach them some ancient Greek.

Roman Culture: Topic – A Dinner Party in Pompeii

1. Why did the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius preserve Pompeii? How did this make Pompeii a good source of information on Roman culture?
2. Explain to your parents what the job of the arbiter bibendi was.
3. What kinds of people would be at a dinner party? Why was the arrangement of couches called a triclinium?

Art and Mythology: Topic – Preparation of Skits from the *Metamorphoses*

1. What was your skit about?
2. Who did you play?
3. What did your character do?

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Grades 1 & 2

All Classes:

1. Where would you find a mosaic in a Roman house?
2. Use different colors of paper to create your own mosaic.
3. Describe your own edible mosaic to your family.
4. Tell your family about your favorite part of LatinSummer.