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LatinSummer

Each day, several "Family Discussion Questions" will be sent home with LatinSummer participants. These questions will help to keep parents informed of what the students are learning, and will help to stimulate family discussion about these topics.

Questions for Monday, July 17, 2006

Latin Class: Topic – Introduction to Spoken Latin

1. Who spoke Latin?
2. How is the way we pronounce English different from the way people pronounced Latin?
3. How do you greet someone in Latin?

Greek Class: Topic – Introduction & Adjectives

1. How does ancient Greece compare to ancient Rome? Think about the ages of both cultures, where both cultures are located, and the influence of both cultures on each other.
2. What are some similarities and differences between the ancient Greek alphabet and our own alphabet?
3. Using some of the Greek adjectives that you learned today, describe some of your family members in ancient Greek.

Roman Culture: Topic – Geography of Italy

1. Why was it important that Rome was located right on the Tiber River?
2. How can mountains provide protection for a city?
3. Why is Mount Vesuvius so famous?

Art and Mythology: Topic – What is Mythology?

1. Why do you think mythology was so important to the ancient civilizations?
2. Do you think mythology is just as important today?
3. What common myths do you know that are still circulating today?

Activities: Topic – Escaping Vesuvius

1. What was the eruption of Mount Vesuvius like?
2. How might the Romans have felt when Vesuvius erupted?
3. What did the eruption leave behind?

Grades 1 & 2

***If you are in Ms. Davis' class, please bring a bedsheet and a picture of yourself tomorrow.**

***If you are in Ms. Henrich's class, please bring a picture of your family tomorrow.**

1. Which god or goddess would you like to be? Why?
2. Which god or goddess has the most desirable powers? Why?
3. Discuss with your family the Latin names for the days of the week.
4. Share with your family one story about your favorite god or goddess