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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 Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Latin Class: Topic – Colores

1. What are your family’s favorite colors? How do you say these colors in Latin?
2. What did the Romans use *rubrica* for?
3. Look around your house for items that are the colors we discussed in class. Choose one to bring in next class for show and tell.

Greek Class: Topic – Food Terms in Greek

1. Look in your kitchen and see if you can find some of the foods that we learned the Greek words for today. Point these foods out to your family and tell them the Greek names.
2. Describe to your family the importance of olives and olive oil to the ancient Greeks.
3. Describe the connection between the Greek word ὕδωρ and various English words that come from it.

Roman Culture: Topic – Roman Houses

1. Which room in the Roman house was your favorite? Why?
2. In what ways is a Roman house different from your own house?
3. What kinds of things did Romans think it was important to include in their house?

Art and Mythology: Topic – Mosaics

1. For the most part, who owned mosaics in Rome?
2. How do you make a mosaic?
3. What sort of things were depicted on mosaics?
4. What would your mosaic show?

Activities: Topic – Gladiators and Roman Geography

1. What are the different kinds of gladiators? What are the differences between them?
2. Which kind of gladiator would you be? Why?

Grades 1-2

On reverse.

Grades 1 & 2

Ms. Davis' class:

1. Tell your family some Latin verbs, and act them out with them.
2. Explain some of the landforms found in Italy and where exactly they are located.
3. How were Roman roads made?
4. Why were roads important for the Romans?

Ms. Henrich's class:

1. Point out some nature items in your backyard and say their names in Latin.
2. Tell your family a nature myth.

Ms. Tanner's class:

1. Tell your family the Latin words for body parts. Can you find English words that sound like these?
2. Tell your family a transformation myth.