

Overview

LET'S LEARN LATIN will introduce elementary and middle school teachers to the world of Latin and the ancient Romans through a variety of engaging approaches.

Teachers get to play the role of students, learning the material through the same activities and lessons that they will be able to use in their own classrooms.

Participants will enjoy learning the basics of Latin, using a colorful, interesting, kid-friendly text called Minimus, supplemented by effective and innovative activities to practice the material. **No previous experience with Latin is needed!**

Participants will receive myriad classroom-ready materials on all topics studied.



Curriculum

The workshop will lead participants through 50% or more of the Minimus text, giving participants the skills and confidence they need to continue their study independently.

This work at the workshop will prepare participants to knowledgeably and confidently teach their students about the following aspects of the ancient Roman world:

- * basics of the Latin language
- * grammatical connections between Latin and English
- * Latin vocabulary and word roots
- * culture and mythology

Why Latin?

Chief benefits of Latin to students: By learning about Latin and ancient Rome, students will better understand English vocabulary and grammar, make connections to other world languages, and think critically about ancient history.

Connections to standards: We recognize that for the teaching of Latin and Classical Studies to be effective and feasible, it must be integrated with state standards. Participants will learn about connections to the standards, and other techniques of incorporating these topics into today's busy classrooms.

Schedule (tentative)

A morning session (9:00 am – 12:30 pm) will be followed by lunch (12:30 pm – 1:00 pm) & an afternoon session (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm).

Key language topics, studied in depth:

greetings
question words
nouns and adjectives
gender
linking verbs
action verbs
adverbs
plural subjects

Ancillary topics, overview of classroom activities:

- * vocabulary (family, animals, colors, foods, emotions, classroom, body parts)
- * culture (names, writing, Greek pottery, games, art, coins, travel, geography)

Meet the instructors

Kristen Bortner

Kristen Bortner has been involved with Ascanius since 2002 and currently serves on the Board of Directors. She has developed innovative teaching materials, delivered many teacher workshops, and served as both a teacher and administrator at Ascanius' enrichment camps for elementary and middle school children. She resides in northern Virginia and has more than a decade of experience teaching Latin in public schools in Virginia, Missouri, and Illinois.

Donna Seidman

Donna Seidman recently joined Ascanius as Executive Director. She has taught Latin in elementary, middle, and high school and currently teaches 7th through 9th grades while finishing her master's degree in Classics at Villanova. She helped to start and still administers the Facebook group, Teaching Latin to the Littles: Elementary Latin Teachers. Donna has also served on the Excellence Through Classics executive committee and currently serves on the SCRIBO committee.



Details

Who can come:

Any teacher or homeschool instructor of elementary or middle school children. The target audience is those who do not currently teach Latin.

When and where:

Tuesday, June 20 from 9:00 to 4:00
Crossroads Church – Pittsburgh North
8533 Peters Rd., Cranberry Twp., Pennsylvania

Cost:

FREE! Registration, all workshop materials and resources, and light breakfast with coffee are all provided. Participants should bring their own lunch. (There is not enough time to leave for lunch.)

Professional development credit:

All participants will receive a certificate documenting their 6 contact hours.

To register: (Can fill up quickly! Limited to 15-20 participants!)

All participants must register online via our website (www.ascaniusyci.org/cranberry)

Deadline: June 12, 2023.

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FREE Resources for Teachers

**The Shooting Star* is a collection of e-newsletters created as part of the Ascanius Membership Program. Each issue includes lesson plans and activities centering around a common theme.

**Lesson Materials Collection* from LatinSummer and past workshops for teachers

Publications for Sale (knowledge of Latin or Classical Studies is not necessary to use our publications)

**Activitates Liberis*: curriculum guides helping teachers to incorporate Latin, mythology, and Roman culture on the elementary school level

**Exploring the Roman World*: student workbooks including fun, engaging activities introducing ES/MS students to the Latin language, Roman culture, and mythology

**Vocabula Picta*: a thematically arranged Latin picture dictionary for the modern world

Grants for Teachers and Students

*The *Classical Promise Grant* helps individuals who wish to create or maintain a Latin/Classical Studies program or event geared toward elementary and/or middle school students. Grants are awarded in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$1,000.

*The *Rudolph Masciantonio "Classics for All" Grant* supports teachers who are instructing elementary and middle-school-aged students about Latin and the ancient Mediterranean. Grants of up to \$500 are available. Each year, the grant will focus on a different theme. The current theme is supplies and technology.

*The *Ascanius Grant for Professional Development at the Elementary and Middle School Level* assists teachers on the ES/MS level with professional development focused on Latin and/or the Greco-Roman world. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available.

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- the Latin language!
- Latin vocabulary!
- English word roots!

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PD Certificates/Hours Offered



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