

Why Latin?

Seriously, it's a dead language. So why does Odyssey make kids learn it?

1. Learn how to learn. Latin is very logical and helps students as they enter the logic age to think through problems and discover the answer. Builds brain power: improve academic performance, improved concentration, develops memory, stronger communication skills, more creativity.
2. Improves English grammar. English makes up rules to explain the crazy grammar. Latin has grammar that follows the rules.
3. Makes learning other languages easier. Latin is the basis for Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Romanian. It also influenced German, which is the root of English.
4. Latin improves vocabulary. 60% of English words come from Latin.
5. Ancient Roman literature is fantastic and rich and has inspired modern literature.
6. We are indebted to ancient Rome for our culture, society, government. The language of ancient Rome: Latin.
7. It's awesome.

Materials needed

- 1 1 inch 3 ring binder with pockets, labeled with Latin and the child's name
- 5 divider tabs (Calendar, Dictionary, Vocabulary, Grammar, Returned work)
- 1 pack 3X5 cards (OPTIONAL)

Homework

I don't usually give homework, since most parents cannot help their students with Latin. The only homework will be for not using class time wisely, absences, or quiz corrections. Students are encouraged to study vocabulary words at home. I offer after school help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students should come with an assignment to work on.

Tardy and Attendance Policy

We will adhere to Odyssey's policies. Please schedule appointments outside of school hours and give advanced notice for planned absences. Languages are comprehensive and keep building and building on themselves; absences cripple that foundation. Work will be available on the website as will a copy of the dictionary. *I often use buddy/group work. Please make sure your child is here so he/she does not have to work alone. I accept all late work without penalty as long as it is turned in before the end of term.

Behavior

Students will behave themselves with respect to other students, teachers, and themselves. They should be in uniform as outlined by Odyssey. Students must use appropriate language. Cheating will result in a zero (0) on the assignment. If a student disobeys beyond verbal warning, he/she will have a writing assignment and will have to do class work at home.

Assessments

We will have a weekly vocabulary quiz. We will have tests/quests every 4 or so weeks. If students make below 70%, they will receive a corrections sheet for half credit back.

Bonus points can be earned by making flash cards of vocabulary.

Grading

10 % Participation

25 % Quizzes

25 % Tests

40 % Class work

This disclosure document can be found on my website. www.odysseycharterlatin.weebly.com

Sign and return.

I have read the disclosure document concerning the Latin program at Odyssey Charter School and agree to comply with the explanations therein.

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____