

LITERATUS LINGUA

MRS. WEIDER

Grammar/Literature

This week in Shurley English we will work on verb tense. This is an important English concept for writing, but it has strong connections to the study of Latin as well. We have finally started a new pattern: Subject/Verb Transitive/Direct Object.

We have completed *The Hobbit*! It has been a true joy to hear the scholars discuss this novel. This close read experience pays off as we work through the comparison essay. Because they know many details about the characters, we can have lively and interesting discussions about them. Thus far, we have discussed which character was a true leader, were any of them heroes, and which character had virtuous motivations.



Oratio Revisited

Over the last several weeks, I have seen great improvement in the scholars' deliveries of their Oratio selection. Great job, everyone!

One question I received often during this process is "Why do we do/have to do this?" I think that question is extremely developmentally appropriate, and I want to answer it for the parents, too.

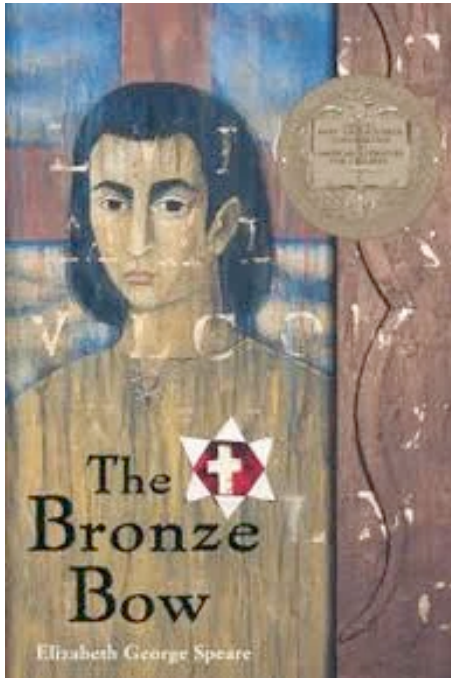
First, Oratio gives the scholars a chance to practice that last two canons of rhetoric: memoria and delivery. During this school year, we have spent a large amount of time working on the first three canons: Invention, Arrangement, and Elocution. A true rhetorician is fluent in the five canons. This helps them to start that process. They will have more opportunities in high school.

Second, Oratio is an activity which requires the scholars to practice public speaking. If we want our scholars to become leaders, they need to be strong communicators. We need to make sure that they have the opportunity to use their voice now as they grow in leadership.

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Upcoming Events

March 31-

First draft of comparison essay due

April 2-

Final, typed draft of comparison essay due

April 3-6-

Easter Break

Join us for Holy Week

Palm Sunday & Confirmation
March 29 @ 9:30am
Sing Hosanna! as we observe Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and our 8th grade Confirmands make their profession of faith before the congregation.

Maundy Thursday
April 2 @ 7:00pm
We continue with Jesus in the upper room establishing the New Covenant in His body & blood which is shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Our new Confirmands will take their 1st Communion.

Good Friday • April 3
Noonday @ 12 pm
Tenebrae Service @ 7 pm
At our Tenebrae service at 7pm, we experience the stations of the cross as Christ bears the burden of our sin, and the church slips into total darkness.

Easter Sunday
April 5 @ 9:30 AM
Rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Savior Jesus Christ! Breakfast will be served by the Youth in the Cafeteria at 8:00am. Our Festival Service begins at 9:30am in the Church. Sing with Choir & Orchestra! Afterwards, go outside for the Egg Hunt. Kids, bring your basket!

Holy Week

I want to wish everyone a blessed Holy Week. You are welcome to join OS� in several services to prepare and then celebrate the most important day of the Christian life: Easter.