

LITERATUS LINGUA

MRS. WEIDER

Grammar/ Literature

This week scholars will test their understanding of prepositions and prepositional phrases. The Shurley English Chapter 3 test will take place on Tuesday, November 11. We will move on to a writing unit on Wednesday.

In literature, Julius Caesar has been assassinated and the crowd of Romans is left to decide who they should trust. We will look closely at the persuasive speeches of Mark Antony to determine his persuasive appeal. We may even try out our hand on writing a persuasive speech with the same tools: Ethos and Pathos.



The grade 6 scholars had an awesome first try at a Socratic discussion this past week. I hope that some of you heard about it at home! This kind of discussion is based on the literature reading and is predicated on students reading and answering questions BEFORE they come to class. These questions can be found at the back of the reading guides for each act.

For the actual discussion, 5-6 scholars sit in a circle and, as you might guess, discuss their thoughts and opinions. The scholars are given specific instructions about how to proceed in this discussion. For example, they must be prepared with questions answered, they must comment with support from the text, and they must acknowledge the speaker before them when they speak in the group. The scholars on the outside of the circle are listening and observing the discussion. They are noting who asks questions, who adds to the conversation positively, etc.

Look for more information on Socratic discussions in the next newsletter!

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Thanksgiving Feast

Mark your calendar's now and be sure to RSVP for the OSL Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 20! You can RSVP via a link on the OSL School Newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

November 11-

Shurley English Chapter 3 test

November 12-

Julius Caesar Act 2 reading guide due

November 14-

Act 2 quiz

**Thanksgiving
FOOD DRIVE**
NOVEMBER 4-19

BENEFITTING ST. MONICA'S FOOD PANTRY
GIVE BACK & DONATE SINGLE ITEM NON PERISHABLE FOOD

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CAFETERIA IN THE CORRECT BOX TO BE SURE YOUR HOUSE RECEIVES CREDIT.
THE HOUSE THAT BRINGS IN THE MOST FOOD BY WEIGHT EARNS THE MOST POINTS

ALL ITEMS MUST BE SINGLE SERVE (ANY BULK ITEMS MUST BE ABLE TO BE SEPARATED FOR FAMILIES)
TUNA, BEANS, RICE, PEANUTBUTTER, APPLESAUCE, CANNED CHICKEN, CANNED FRUIT, PASTA, CANNED VEGGIES

**GOBBLE
GRAM
SALE**
NOV 10-14

\$2 BASIC (BLOWPOP)
\$3 DELUXE (BAG OF CANDY)

Please support our 8th graders with our Gratitude Gobble Grams Fundraiser! Spread kindness and send a Gobble Gram to any student, teacher, or staff member. Each Gobble Gram will be attached to a sweet treat along with your message.

Gobble-Grams can be purchased November 10 – 14 and will be delivered to classrooms the morning of November 20th.

Fill out the Gobble-Gram sheet and mark the standard or deluxe option. Return it—along with your payment—to your teacher by Friday, Nov 14th.

Payment options:
Cash, Check (made payable to Shae Lawder), Venmo or Zelle — last 4 phone digits: 0846 (Please note your child's name and grade in the Venmo or Zelle comment so we can match your payment to your order.)

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