LITERATUS LINGUA

MRS. WEIDER

Grammar/ Literature

This week scholars will continue in our short writing unit. This unit addresses writing a complete and effective paragraph. For our purposes, the scholars are writing a paragraph answering this prompt: How did Decius convince Caesar to go to the Senate despite Calpurnia's warnings?

In literature, we will look at the aftermath of the assassination of Julius Caesar. We will begin Act 4, though we may not finish it until after Thanksgiving break. PLEASE NOTE: We will have a Not-So-Serious Shakespeare play performance before Christmas break. Look for more information about that soon.

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Socratic Discussion (con't)

Though we did not complete a second round of Socratic discussions this week, the scholars answered questions on their Act 2 Reading Guide which would aid in a discussion from Act 2. This is the key to Socratic discussion: preparation and participation.

SD is meant to broaden a scholar's understanding of the literature, as well as its themes and ideas. This requires asking questions, digging deep, and listening to other scholars' ideas with a desire to understand what they are articulating.

SD is a higher skill. Grade 6 is simply practicing. In later quarters, these discussions will be assessed. For now, they are simply finding their voices and their listening skills! It is such a pleasure to be a part of an SD. Let me know if you are interested in coming into the classroom to see one in action. You are always welcome!



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 19-

Julius Caesar Act 3 Reading Guide due

November 20-

Thanksgiving Feast

November 24-28-

Thanksgiving Break I'm praying for blessings on your time of rest and giving thanks to the Lord for his blessings!

Smart Families -- Parent Resources

Please plan to join the next online event: Inside the Teen Experience of Social Media on November 18 at 9am, Noon, or 7pm. Don't miss this valuable educational opportunity as we all work together to navigate smart technology use for our families. If you missed the previous events, no worries! Click the links below to watch the recordings. We will continue to share opportunities to learn throughout the year! Please join in whenever possible. Together, we can help our Eagles thrive academically, socially, and spiritually!

Previous Online Events:

The Hidden Sense Behind Learning, led by Pediatric Occupational Therapist Sophie Kriss, shines a light on the vestibular system—the "hidden sense" that does far more than maintain physical balance. See the video on our YouTube channel: Click here

The Family Lead Online Talk was intended to familiarize families with the Smart Families program and show how they can make an impact in their communities. See the video on YouTube: Click here OSL PTL Meeting Presentation from September 23 - The slides linked HERE are from the presentation by Dr. Collier during the PTL meeting on September 23. While the OSL presentation was not recorded, a similar presentation of the talk given at our school is available online. See the video: Click here