LATIN AND CLASSICAL STUDIES
FOR THE
YOUNGEST ONES

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Look, Sally, you're going to have to go to school so you might as well get used to the idea!

I guess you're right... I'll just have to make the best of it.

I'll go to kindergarten, and I'll study, and I'll play all their games, and I'll try to get along with everybody...

But I won't learn Latin!!
Activities for Preschool and Kindergarten

1. Alphabet
2. Animals
3. Aphorism Cartoon Boards
4. Body
5. Colors
6. Commands
7. Education
8. Etymology Tree
9. Five Senses
10. Games
11. Latin Language
12. Mythology
13. Numbers
14. Rome, Italy
15. Salve/Vale
16. Ursus
17. Bibliography
TO AIR ARR
ERE ERR
IS HUMAN
...to forgive divine
R.F.
C.T.M.

WHO PUT
THAT THERE?

TO ERR
IS HUMAN

"You’re late!"

THE BIGGEST MISTAKE.
YOU CAN
MAKE
IS BEING
TOO
WORRIED
ABOUT
MAKING
MISTAKES.

GRANDMA
CAN SPEAK
LATIN! SHE JUST
SAID, "TEMPUS
FIDGETS."
IN HOC MODO
(This Is the Way We Wash Our Hands)

In hoc modo, lavamus
Lavamus, lavamus
Prima luce vero.

In hoc modo, bibimus
Bibimus, bibimus
Prima luce vero

In hoc modo, edimus
Edimus, edimus
Prima luce vero

In hoc modo, dormimus
Dormimus, dormimus
Prima luce vero
WEE WILLIE WINKIE

Wee Willie Winkie
Runs through the town
Upstairs and downstairs
In his nightgown.

Rapping at the window,
Crying through the lock,
”Are the children in their beds?
For now it’s eight o’clock.”

Vinc’ Ville Victe
Cursat urbem
Sursum deorsum
In tunica

Pulsans in fenestras
Clamans per claustra
“Sunt liberi in lectis?
Octava hora est.”
ALFI, I CAN'T SLEEP—THE AQUEDUCT IS LEAKING!

BERT, I CAN'T SLEEP—THE AQUEDUCT IS LEAKING!

WHEW! THAT'S HARD WORK!

DID YOU BRING THE WATER UP FROM THE AQUEDUCT?

YEH

WHERE IS IT?

I DRANK IT.

I'VE GOT A LOT OF LEADERSHIP QUALITIES CAUSE I'M A LEO!

HOW 'BOUT YOU? DO YOU BELIEVE IN ASTRONOMY?

ASTRONOMY?

IT'S ASTROLOGY! BOY, YOU REALLY OUGHT TO EDUCATE YOURSELF! STRENGTHEN YOUR VOCABULARY! BUILD YOUR WORD POWER!

YOU OUGHT TO LISTEN TO ME! I'VE GOT GOOD ADVICE AND I'M NEVER WRONG!

... THAT'S BECAUSE I'M AN AQUARIUM!

Wow!
In ancient Rome the Romans spoke a language known as Latin.

L - A - T - I - N

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The Romans spoke in Latin.
Prometheus stole fire. Prometheus stole fire
He took it from the mighty gods. Prometheus stole fire.

He hid it in a stalk. He hid it in a stalk.
A tiny piece of burning wood. He hid it in a stalk.

He took it down to earth. He took it down to earth.
Gave it to man who had no gifts. He took it down to earth.

Then Zeus got mighty mad. Then Zeus got mighty mad.
He chained Prometheus to a rock. Then Zeus got mighty mad.

The eagle ate out his liver. The eagle ate out his liver.
But every night it grew back in. The eagle ate out his liver.

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PANDORA
(Do, Re, Mi)

Lies, deceit, and drudgery
Slander, envy, and old age
Greed, distrust and vanity
Gossip, viciousness, and rage
All escaped out of the box.

Poor Pandora couldn’t cope,
When she thought that all was lost,
What remained inside was hope!

I’m so glad that we have hope, hope, hope!
ICARUS AND DAEDALUS
(Ten Little Indians)

Daedalus was a great inventor
He was his nephew’s only mentor
Built a maze with a secret center
Daedalus was amazing.

Jealous Daedalus killed his nephew
Pushed him off a cliff to his death. They had to
Banish him from Athens. Everybody knew
That Daedalus’ ears were blazing.

Daedalus and Icarus were captives of Minos
Daedalus constructed wings for him and Icarus
He told his son he’d be food for an octopus
If he flew too high.

Icarus was a stubborn and a silly lad
Flew up high with the birds.
This was really bad.
The sun melted wax on his wings.
He was scared and sad.
Poor little Icarus died.
ROMAN NUMERAL ART

Create pictures in which the Roman numerals I, V, and X are hidden.

For example, “I” could become part of a railroad track

“V” could become a cat’s nose

“X” could become part of a zipper

Maybe you could put all three Roman numerals into one picture!
Number / Numeral Games

Line-Up

Reproduce twenty SPQR signs (below) and insert one Roman Numeral, I-XX, in the center. Randomly hand out the signs, and ask the students to line up silently in order.
IGNIS


Also:  


*Available from The American Classical League Teaching Materials and Resource Center

[www.aclclassics.org](http://www.aclclassics.org)

Also available from The American Classical League

- B707 Nursery Rhymes
- B230 Musical Myths
- E15 Exploratory Latin Review Activity Packet
- E16 Exploratory Latin Review Songbook + CD
Bring Ursus and popsicle sticks
Describe Latin as a dead language
Finger puppet for Salve – bring Sharpies

Bring Ursus and popsicle sticks
Bring Salve/Vale/Latin signs – practice saying hello – Spell Latin—LATIN song
Latin alphabet – no J or W (bring xeroxes to cross out)
Poster map for Rome, Italy
Begin Transivit Ursus Montem

Bring Ursus and popsicle sticks
Practice alphabet
Ursus picture – First of Animalia
Rome, Italy maps to put a star on (bring maps to put stars on)
Draw Around Hand – Write Salve
Continue Transivit Ursus Montem

Bring Ursus and popsicle sticks
Porcus picture – Animalia
Start Senex Gaius
Possible and Impossible names

Bring Ursus and popsicle sticks
Vacca picture – Animalia
Continue Senex Gaius

Bring Ursus and popsicle sticks
Equus picture – Animalia
Continue Senex Gaius
Numbers Introduction: numbers as letters 1-10 (chart)
Number names

Bring Ursus and popsicle sticks
Feles picture – Animalia
Continue Senex Gaius
Review numbers, Quot Sunt I-V

Bring Ursus and popsicle sticks
Canis picture – Animalia
Continue Senex Gaius
Review numbers, Quot sunt VI-X

Review all songs, rhyme
Create Animalia booklet