



In the Classroom

at Ambleside®

Class: Eighth Grade

Date: November 2007

SPECIFIC SKILLS:

- Composition: writing descriptive paragraphs
- Spanish: verb conjugation and building vocabulary
- Grammar: Using commas, colons, semi-colons, dashes, parentheses, and quotation marks correctly
- Math: simplifying exponential expressions

CONTENT:

Literature: The Odyssey by Homer
 Picture Study: the works of N.C. Wyeth
 Composer Study: the works of J.S. Bach
 Science: Chemistry *in* The New Book of Popular Science
 Bible: The Gospel of St. John, Chapters 5 to 7

MEMORY WORK:

“All that is morally right rises from some one of four sources: it is concerned either (1) with the full perception of and intelligent development of the true; or (2) with rendering to every man his due, and with the faithful discharge of obligations assumed; or (3) with the greatness and strength of a noble and invincible spirit; or (4) with the orderliness and moderation of everything that is said and done, wherein consist temperance and self-control.” – Cicero

INSPIRATION:

“The appetites, moreover, must be made to obey the reins of reason and neither allowed to run ahead of it nor from listlessness or indolence to lag behind; but people should enjoy calm of soul and be free from every sort of passion.”

On Duties by Cicero

IDEAS:

- History: the idea of the “old tradition of unselfish service to the commonwealth” in the Roman Empire
- Literature: the role of temptation in The Odyssey
- Science: the pressure, volume, and temperature of gases are interrelated as described by the Ideal Gas Laws

IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov 10 – Saturday Out
 Nov 14-20 – Exams (12:15 dismissal)
 Nov 15 – Book Study for Parents
 Dec 18 – Grandparent’s Day
 Dec 18 – Christmas Candlelight Service

VOCABULARY your child has been introduced to through text:

coarse, condensation, endothermic, enticing, exothermic, headstrong, indolence, Marathon, moderation, plutocracy, propriety, quotient, shrewdly, solute, solvent, sphere of influence, temperance, tribune; (en Español: cuaderno, flor, libro, y sombrero)