

Department: World Languages

Course Name: Language Explorers: Discovering the Classical Roots of English

Course Description: This course is designed to take 5th graders on an exciting journey through the history and development of the English language, focusing on its classical roots. Students will explore the origins of English, delve into the fascinating world of morphology by examining Greek and Latin roots, and discover the influence of classical languages on science, literature, and everyday language.

Content:

- The role of language
- Common prefixes and suffixes that can be added to roots
- Latin words and phrases in daily use
- Vocabulary based on thematic units, e.g. mythology, numbers, geography, body parts, calendar

Skills:

- vocabulary acquisition by understanding and using words with Greek and Latin origins
- analytical skill to deconstruct words and understand their meanings through Greek and Latin roots and affixes
- making connections between English and classical languages

Text and Materials:

- teacher created resources
- interactive notebook
- glue sticks
- colored pencils

Methods of Instruction:

- direct instruction
- interactive activities
- project-based learning
- collaborative learning

Methods of Evaluation:

- classwork
- projects