

Dear Rising 8<sup>th</sup> grader,

Congratulations. You have completed all four years of the *Form Latin Series*. You have climbed that mountain of the Latin grammar and are now ready to experience the rewards of learning all of those declensions and conjugations.

You have learned about 900 words over the last four years. Fortunately you have already learned nearly all of the vocabulary required for Henle II. Eighth Grade is a consolidation year with very little new material to memorize. Instead, the focus of 8<sup>th</sup> grade is learning how to use grammar forms (syntax) and learning the basics of translation.

Success in a cumulative subject, like Latin or math, requires constant review. This summer is a great time to review all of the grammar and vocabulary you have learned over the last four years. You can work on putting your Latin knowledge, which may be a little shaky, into your permanent memory. It will make your Latin study so much more pleasant to have complete mastery over vocabulary and grammar when you begin Caesar next fall. You will be given an ungraded assessment the first day of school to see if your Latin knowledge is fresh in your mind.

On the back is a suggested schedule for flashcard review. If you have lost any of your four sets of flashcards from the *Form Series* you can purchase additional sets at school.

Have a great summer, read some good books, and see you in the fall.

HLS Administration

**How to review with flashcards in three steps:**

When reviewing with flashcards, say the Latin word and its meaning aloud. You should say the nominative and genitive for nouns, and all four principal parts for verbs. For example, for *town* say **oppidum, oppidi**, neuter; for *carry* say, 1<sup>st</sup> conjugation, **porto, portare, portavi, portatus**.

1. Go through a set of flashcards from Latin to English (L > E) and divide into two stacks, those you know and those you don't. Set aside the ones you know and work on those you don't until you have moved them all to the *know* stack.
2. Go through the same set of cards from English to Latin. (E > L)
3. Go through the cards again from English to Latin, either spelling aloud or writing down the Latin, in addition to saying it aloud. You don't really know a Latin word until you can spell it correctly, including principal parts for verbs and genitive forms for nouns.

**Reviewing Grammar Forms:**

You may drill with the individual cards or use the charts in the appendix of your textbook. Be sure you know the meanings as well as the Latin forms.

**Reviewing Latin Sayings:**

Latin sayings teach classical and Christian culture as well as vocabulary, grammar and syntax. You may drill with the individual cards or the lists found in the Appendix. Though not as important as vocabulary and grammar forms, reviewing Latin sayings is strongly recommended.

Fifteen minutes per day is a good amount to plan for, but more time may be necessary if you find your recall needs a lot of brushing up. Please put a check for each day you review the recommended time. If you drill more than 15 minutes, write in the time.

**Review Schedule for Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Week	Recommended Cards/Charts	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 10-14	First Form Vocabulary					
June 17-21	First Form Vocabulary					
June 24-28	Second Form Vocabulary					
July 1-5	Second Form Vocabulary					
July 8-12	Third Form Vocabulary					
July 15-19	Third Form Vocabulary					
July 22-26	Fourth Form Vocabulary					
July 29-Aug. 2	Fourth Form Vocabulary					
Aug. 5-9	Fourth Form Vocabulary					
Aug. 12-16	First & Second Form Grammar					
Aug. 19-23	Third & Fourth Form Grammar					