

## **Dear parents,**

I would like to thank all of you for being of such great support all these years to your children who are trying so hard to learn Greek.

Greek language is an exercise for the mind with a completely new alphabet, grammar and syntax.

It is one of the oldest languages in the history of mankind and according to **MERRIAM-WEBSTER**, the famous American dictionary, out of the total of 166,724 English words, 42,914 of them are of Greek origin (25.73%), while the renowned medical dictionary **DORLAND**, with a total of 46,251 words of medical terminology, includes 24,862 Greek words (53.75%)!

“The mission of the Archimedean Schools is to initiate the young mind into the art of thinking through the teaching of mathematics and the Greek language”.

### **My educational and professional background:**

\*University of Athens, Bachelor's in Primary education

\*Bachelor's in Special education

\*M.A. in Science of Education

\*CIFEDHOP/EIP Geneva Switzerland, international learning and teaching strategies

\*East Ealing College London, GB, ESOL

\*Council of EUROPE, Strasbourg, France, intercultural learning, LLTC

\*I have been teaching Greek language and mathematics for over 20 years in Greece, since 2009 in the US and in AA since 2012.

\*I have been publishing books for young readers since 2012 ([oceanpublications.us](http://oceanpublications.us)) and my series on learning Greek for young learners as a second language is extremely popular in 3 continents and we still add 4-5 new titles per year.

### **Classwork and Classroom Expectations:**

Scholars should be prepared and organized, responsible for the materials, and ready to participate in the learning activities.

They should respect themselves and others and come with full intention of using Greek in all possible areas of communication.

No excuses such as “bad in Greek” or “not in AA since kinder” are acceptable nor do they make a difference.

Stay on task and talk in Greek everyday.

Verbal Warning, Loss of Privilege, Parent contact, Administrative Action.

### **In order to build the Greek Language skills below, your 5<sup>th</sup> Grader will:**

**Routines:** Communicate in Greek: ‘ask politely to Go, to do, to have’

Follow greetings and instructions in Greek: “Write, read, draw, fill in, circle, erase, look and listen, open, close, start and end, give and take, talk, present please, repeat please”

**Speaking:** Hold a conversation about the day, the weather, traveling, their family and their favorite sport, food, and extracurricular activity or chore (speaking engagement counts as a participation grade).

**Reading:** Be fluent in Reading following the punctuation and the meaning of the passage (reading test in each chapter).

**Writing:** Write a small paragraph (5+ sentences): describing a person, an animal, a scene from a picture (a test grade project: "Visit Greece"). Practice in class.

Write a letter to a friend on a trip, using vocabulary from: traveling, the weather, seasons, months, days, clothes and colors, body parts, family, transportation, food, animals and plants, sports and after school activities, chores and healthy diet, combine them with verbs such as have, go, wear, speak or say, see, eat, buy, play, run, cook, clean and of course to be (included in the EOY final test).

**Grammar:** Use Greek verbs in present, past and future tense, as well as adjectives and nouns in all genders, singular and plural, possessive and predicate syntax.

**Vocabulary:** Use index cards / Greek textbook "Klik" chapters 23-30. Review and have good knowledge of overall 500 words. **Use Quizlet:** Greek class, Ms. Pappa Archimedean 2018-2019 (HW)

**Projects:** Complete on-going "Meet the immortals" Greek Mythology portfolio with ancient Greek civilization notes on Greek Philosophers, city-states Athens-Sparta, and art, architecture, pottery, theater.

**Activities:** Participate in Greek Spelling Bee, Greek dance, Greek Carols and sing Greek National Anthem, Greek Happy Birthday Song and Traditional songs.

**Grading scale:** Classwork 30%, Participation 20%, Test 20%, Quiz 15% and Homework 15%

**Homework policy:** Due date is very strict. Agenda is the primary means of any extra homework in case it was not uploaded on Archie.

Let's have a great school year and enjoy it even more since it's the graduation year of our children from Elementary!

Should you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me at:

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**Thank you,  
Ms. Pappa**

