Elementary
Ancient Greek:
Unit 1

The following pages are from Christopher Marchetti's new book with the title above, which he prepared for use at Princeton Latin Academy, where he is Assistant Headmaster. Princeton Latin Academy is a private elementary school (grades K–8), in which all students begin studying Greek, as well as Latin, in second grade. Mr. Marchetti explains the Greek curriculum in the letter to parents reproduced on the following page. For more information about the book, contact Mr. Marchetti at tadorapress@earthlink.net or cmarchet@earthlink.net.
PRINCETON LATIN ACADEMY’S GREEK CURRICULUM

Dear Parents:

This year, Princeton Latin Academy will begin using a new Greek textbook which I have written for our students. This book is based on a carefully chosen vocabulary, which makes clear the patterns of Greek word formation. At the same time, I chose words that I could weave into little stories for each chapter. Words are highlighted that express what we have inherited from the Greeks: δημοκρατία, democracy; μουσική, music; ιστορία, history; φιλοσοφία, philosophy.

In organization, this book follows the presentation of our Latin book, Jenney’s First Year Latin. Greek class will reinforce concepts that are basic to Latin grammar and the study of syntax: the difference between a direct object and a predicate nominative, the uses of the noun cases, the use of prepositions, and the tenses of verbs. The new Greek book focuses on translation skills; students will master each step before new material is introduced.

Students who have been studying Greek will review basic grammar while learning new vocabulary. As the year progresses, I will be working with students who are ready to prepare a continuation of the new book. This second half will culminate in the translation of poems by the ancient Athenian poet and legislator Solon.

Thank you,

Magister Marchetti
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*Note: The pronunciation of some Greek letters can vary depending on the context and dialect.*
SAMPLE VOCABULARY

άθλητής  
βιβλίον  
γεωγραφία  
δημοκρατία  
énergie  
ζων  
ήλεκτρον  
θεός  
ιδέα  
καλός  
λόγος  
μελωδία  
νέον  
ξύλον  
Ολυμπία  
ποιητής  
ψυχή  
ω

ä thlā tās  
bī blē ön  
gē ö grā fē ā  
dā mō krā tē ā  
ē gō  
dzo ön  
ā lēk trōn  
thè ös  
ī dē ā  
kā lōs  
lō gōs  
mē lō dē ā  
nē ön  
xū lōn  
ō lūm pē ā  
poi ā tās  
rhūth mōs  
sūn tā ksīs  
tē khnā  
hū mnōs  
fō nā  
khā rā ktār  
psū khā  
ō

= athlete  
= book  
= geography  
= democracy  
= I  
= living creature  
= amber (cf. electron)  
= god  
= form; appearance; notion  
= beautiful  
= word  
= melody  
= new thing  
= piece of wood  
= Olympia  
= poet  
= rhythm  
= syntax  
= technical skill  
= hymn, song  
= voice, sound  
= character  
= soul  
= oh... (calling someone)
NOUNS

ἀγρός, ἀγροῦ - ὁ  field
γεωργός, γεωργοῦ - ὁ  farmer
θεός, θεοῦ - ὁ  god
καρπός, καρποῦ - ὁ  fruit, crop
κριός, κριοῦ - ὁ  ram
υετός, υετοῦ - ὁ  rainstorm
νιός, νιοῦ - ὁ  son

VERBS

ἀγρεὺω  hunt, catch
deῦω  drench
θεραπεύω  serve, honor; treat
θύω  sacrifice
λύω  release, destroy
νεῦω  nod
φύω  grow, produce

ADVERBS

ναι  yes
οὐ (οὐκ, οὐχ)  not
οὐδαμά  never, not at all
MORPHOLOGY EXERCISES

A. Translate the following noun forms.

1. τοῦ γεωργοῦ
2. οἱ ὑετοὶ
3. τὸν υἱόν
4. τοῖς γεωργοῖς
5. τοῦ καρποῦ
6. τῷ καρπῷ
7. τῶν ἄγρων
8. τοὺς κριοὺς
9. τῷ κριῷ
10. τοῖς νίοις

B. Translate the following verb forms.

1. θεραπεύεις
2. νεύομεν
3. ἄγρεύει
4. θύομεν
5. οὐ λύω
6. δεύουσι
7. φύετε
8. λύουσι
9. ἀγρεύετε
10. οὐκ ἄγρεύει

C. Translate into Ancient Greek.

Nouns                                Verbs
1. of the ram                        1. you (s.) serve
2. to the gods                       2. we nod
3. the sons (d.o.)                   3. it produces
4. the rainstorms (sub.)             4. they sacrifice
5. the field (d.o.)                  5. you (pl.) hunt
MODEL SENTENCES

1. ὁ γεωργὸς θεραπεύει τοὺς θεούς.
The farmer serves the gods.

2. ὁ γεωργὸς ἀγρεύει κριόν.
The farmer catches a ram.

3. ὁ γεωργὸς θύει τὸν κριόν τοῖς θεοῖς.
The farmer sacrifices the ram to the gods.

4. οἱ θεοὶ νεόουσι τῷ γεωργῷ.
The gods nod to the farmer.

5. ὁ υπότος δεύει τοὺς ἄγροις.
The rainstorm drenches the fields.

6. οἱ ἄγροι φύουσι τὸν καρπὸν.
The fields produce the crop.

7. ὁ γεωργὸς κριόν ἀγρεύει.
The farmer catches a ram.

8. ὁ θεὸς τῷ κριῷ νεύει.
The god nods to the ram.

9. ὁ γιός τοῦ γεωργοῦ λύει τὸν κριόν.
The son of the farmer releases the ram.

10. ὁ γεωργὸς οὐ θύει τὸν κριόν.
The farmer does not sacrifice the ram.
GREEK TO ENGLISH TRANSLATION

1. οἱ γεωργοὶ τὸν θεόν θεραπεῦσιν.
2. τὸν θεόν θεραπεύετε;
3. ναὶ, τὸν θεόν θεραπεύομεν.
4. ὁ γεωργός τοὺς κριόν άγρεύει.
5. τοὺς γεωργοὺς ὁ κριός ἀγρεύει.
6. τοὺς κριόν ἀγρεύεις;
7. οὐδαμά. τοὺς κριόν οὐκ ἀγρεύω.
8. ὁ γεωργός τὸν κριὸν τῷ θεῷ θύει.
9. τὸν γεωργόν ὁ κριός τῷ θεῷ τῶν κριῶν θύει.
10. τὸν κριὸν τοῖς θεοῖς θύετε;
11. τὸν κριὸν οὐ θύομεν.
12. ὁ θεὸς τοῖς γεωργοῖς νεῦει.
13. οἱ ὑποί τὸν ἄγρον δεύουσιν.
14. ὁ ἄγρος τοὺς καρποὺς φύει.
15. τῶν γεωργῶν οἱ ἄγροι τοὺς καρποὺς φύουσιν.

ENGLISH TO ANCIENT GREEK TRANSLATION.

1. The farmer's son catches the ram.
2. Do you (pl.) release the ram?
3. Yes, we release the ram.
4. Do you (sing.) sacrifice to the god of rams?
5. Not at all. I sacrifice to the god of farmers.