Unit II: Learning Benchmarks

*Note: ‘****Possum****’ means ‘****I am able to’*** *in Latin!*

**Lesson 1: Understanding Verbs**

* Possum … define the grammatical terms *person* and *number*.
* Possum … select the correct pronoun that correlates to first, second, and third person verbs in the singular and plural.

**Lesson 2: Finding the Verb Stem**

* Possum … compare the concept of there being five declension of nouns with the way that verbs are classified into four distinct conjugations.
* Possum … recognize and be able to form the DICTIONARY FORM of first conjugation verbs.
* Possum ...use the SECOND PRINCIPAL PART of the verb to form the PRESENT STEM by dropping the -re.

**Lesson 3: Conjugating the Verb**

* Possum … recite the present -o -s -t, -mus -tis -nt endings from memory.
* Possum … form the first person singular form of the present tense by finding the PRESENT STEM of the verb and dropping the last -a before adding the -o ending.
* Possum … construct all other forms of the the PRESENT TENSE by adding the present tense endings directly onto the verb’s PRESENT STEM.

**Lesson 4: Translating Verbs**

* Possum … recognize that Latin verbs can be complete sentences by themselves because the verb is IMPLIED by their ending.
* Possum … correctly interpret first, second, and third person verb endings in the singular and plural in order to identify an implied subject.
* Possum … translate and construct noun-verb pairs wherein a nominative singular noun agrees with a third person singular verb.
* Possum … translate and construct noun-verb pairs wherein a nominative plural noun agrees with a third person plural verb.

**Lesson 5: Translating the Verb SUM**

* Possum … examine the forms of SUM and relate them to the PRESENT TENSE endings that you have already learned.
* Possum … construct the forms of sum in the first second and third persons singular and plural from memory.
* Possum … translate the singular forms of sum as SUM - I AM, ES - YOU ARE, EST - HE/SHE/IT IS.
* Possum … translate the plural forms of sum as SUMUS -WE ARE, ESTIS - YOU ALL ARE, SUNT - THEY ARE.

**Lesson 6: The Predicate Nominative**

* Possum … construct and translate sentences in which the verb SUM acts as an equal sign linking a nominative subject with another noun in the nominative.
* Possum … construct and translate sentences in which the verb SUM acts as an equal sign linking the IMPLIED subject with another noun in the nominative.