



OTIUM ET LITTERAE

The great Roman orator, Cicero, once wrote that *otium sine litteris est quasi mortis* (leisure without literature is like death). For the Romans and Greeks, *otium* was freedom from labor (physical work). The purpose of *otium* was to engage in activities to nourish the soul and invigorate the mind towards delight. For Cicero and others that came in the form of reading good literature and learning something new.

During Grace Academy's *Otium Et Litterae*, Upper School students will engage in a time of *otium* with the younger students. This beloved tradition not only fosters relationships between our upper and lower school students, but also fosters a love of reading great books!

