8th Grade ELA

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Vocab/Grammar

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**Vocab from Greek and Latin Roots-Week 16**

Directions:  Use this handout to learn the new vocabulary along with the corresponding Greek and Latin roots.

**FUND, FOUND**

Latin FUNDUS, “bottom”

**FUNDAMENTAL** adj. basic and important

Joe has great fundamentals on skis; he carves the hill like a beast.

**FOUNDER** v. to completely fail

Mr. Forster foundered on his jump attempt on the first kicker, so he totally “knuckled” the landing. Brett and Henry, on the other hand, didn’t have the same problem.

**DISPERSE** v. to cause to go in different directions; to scatter

L. *dis, “*apart*” + spersum* = sprinkled apart; scattered

Stubbs was not afraid to disperse his skis all over the hill after almost landing one of his several jumps.

**SPARSE** adj. not plentiful; not dense

Snow has been pretty sparse this season, so yesterday’s 5 inches seemed like a big time blizzard.

**INTERSPERSE** v. to distribute in between

L. *inter, “*between*” + spersum* = sprinkled between

Tony Romo would intersperse personal stories about his own playing time in the NFL, so his commentary was always very interesting to listen to.

**ASPERSION** n. a negative remark; slander

L. *ad, “*toward*” + spersum* = to sprinkle abuse on

I had a friend who thought as long as you began a statement with, “No offense but…” no comment could be considered an aspersion.

**SPERS, SPARS**

Latin, SPERGERE, SPERSUM, “To sprinkle; to strew”

**IMMERSE** v. to be completely involved with or covered by

L. *in, “*into*” + mersum* = to sink into

Ruth decided to immerse herself in the ping-pong sub culture here at PMS, so she went out and bought herself a fancy paddle and a “ping pong” warm-up outfit.

**SUBMERGE** v. to push under the surface

L. *sub, “*beneath*” + merger* = to sink beneath

My son likes to submerge most of his food in ketchup, but I’m sure it’s completely healthy.

**EMERGENT** adj**.** just coming into being

Simon is an emergent talent on the “pickling scene.” He was bragging that he could pickle, “almost any food.”

**MERS, MERG**

Latin MERGERE, MERSUM, “to sink”

**REFUSE** n. something discarded; trash

I loved my old neighborhood in Chicago, but I spent a lot of time picking up refuse because people just couldn’t seem to figure out what the garbage cans were for.

**FUSION** n. a joining or combination

Andrew could not understand why his peanut butter and ketchup sandwich wasn’t considered genius by the lunch crowd; he thought it was a super delicious fusion.

**FUS**

Latin FUNDERE, FUSUM, “to pour out”