Rules of a Virtuous Classroom

Prudence	Justice	Fortitude	Temperance
Studiousness	Docility	Constancy	Diligence

Why is virtue important?

Through discipline and grace, virtue.
Through virtue, truth.
Through Christ, the truth that begets freedom.
Through freedom, la bonne vie en Dieu!

What are the rules of a virtuous classroom?

Prudence

Arrive to class prepared to actively engage & exercise good judgment in maintaining that active engagement.

*Let us be **studious**! May we love God above all things with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind, and with all of our strength: let us do great things in the best ways for love of God. Omnia in excelentia, ad majorem Dei gloriam!*

Justice

Show respect at all times and in all manners to everyone and everything; pursue the common good of the class in thought, speech, and deed.

*For the love of God, let us love neighbor as self. Through piety and **docility**, may we love and respect the people and challenges God brings us.*

Fortitude

Be on task at all times.

*Through love of the good, let us quiet the mind to hear the magnanimous call. Through meekness and **constancy**, let us discipline the will to heroically answer the magnanimous call to be excellent in all things for the greater glory of God.*

Temperance

Strive to act responsibly at all times, moderating personal interests and aligning them with the common good of the class as much as possible.

*Let us love doing what is good more than just doing what we feel like. Be **diligent**!*

Leader, *Reader*, **ALL**

A Prayer Before Study

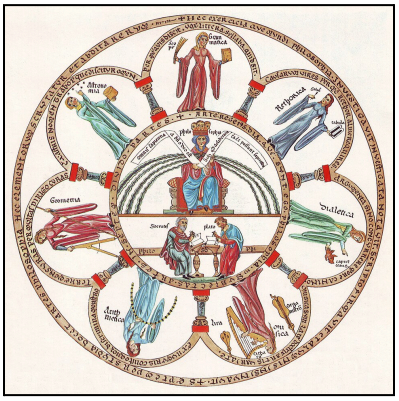
St. Thomas Aquinas

Ineffable Creator, who, from the treasuries of Your wisdom, have demarcated three hierarchies of angels, have gathered them together in wondrous order above the fiery heaven, and have arranged the parts of the universe most elegantly;

You, I say, who are proclaimed the true font of light and wisdom, and the source who excels beyond all things: deign to pour forth a ray of brightness upon the dark shadows of my understanding, removing from me the twofold darkness into which I was born, sin and ignorance.

You who make eloquent the tongues of infants: educate my tongue and pour forth upon my lips the grace of your blessing.

Grant to me keenness to understand,
capacity to retain,
skill and ease to learn,
subtlety to interpret,
& plentiful grace to speak.



Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to fruitful completion, you who are true God and true Man, who live and reign, world without end.

Amen.