

# Mommy and Me

Yearlong Course 2020-2021



### Eligible Students:

This course is designed to meet the needs of all learners grades K-3. Mrs. Molnar will provide parents with differentiation techniques to make the activities easier or more challenging depending on student skill level.

## Mommy and Me Course Description:

The Mommy and Me class at Schole Academy is unique because you are purchasing time with the instructor, as well as a curriculum for your child.

- The curriculum is virtue focused: each month you will focus on developing and learning about a different virtue in your students. Students will develop the language of virtue through discussion and direct instruction, as well as by examining that virtue in the lives of the characters they read about. Young people are always asking the question, "Who do I want to be like?" The literature component of this course is designed to give our students tangible examples of virtuous lives to learn from.
- In addition to its literature and virtue components, the curriculum for the Mommy and Me course includes biweekly science and art activities, as well as monthly song and poetry opportunities.
  The entire curriculum is unified and connected, as evidenced by the monthly "mind map" provided to parents with the curriculum.
- Time in class will be spent forming a much-needed homeschool community for both the parents and the students. At least one guardian/adult is required to attend each "live" session with the child. There will be time set aside for the homeschooling parent to receive support and advice from the instructor, as well as time for model activities with the pupils.

About the Instructor

Instructor: Lylah Molnar

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Lylah Molnár found her home in classical education because of her desire to form the whole person in virtue and involve the heart as well as the head while forming her pupils. Before the birth of her daughter, Lylah spent time teaching at a classical Christian school outside Boston where she was captivated by the joy her students took in learning and the way they challenged themselves to develop their God-given intellectual talents. Her particular passion lies in rooting younger students in practices and curriculum designed to cultivate wonder and awe, as well as deep learning. She is excited to translate that passion into a new course and curriculum for Schole Academy families. The Writing and Rhetoric and Well Ordered Language Series are also a particular joy for Mrs. Molnár due to the fabulous stories that she gets to share with her pupils. She has seen the confidence that her students build as they progress step-by-step through the writing process and is humbled to be a part of their journeys as authors! Mrs. Molnár is excited to join Scholé Academy for another year as a teacher and tutor! Molnar.scholeacademy@gmail.com

## Mommy and Me Course Map:

Quarter 1:

1. Respect and Responsibility

2. Humility

3. Gratitude

Quarter 3:

1. Patience

2. Courage

Quarter 2:

1. Charity/Love

2. Honesty

Quarter 4:

1. Loyalty

2. Perseverance

#### Required Course Library List:

September: The Ugly Duckling, Hans Christian Andersen Illustrated by Robert Van Nutt; October: Why Spiders Spin: A Story of Arachne by Jamie and Scott Simons; November: Favorite Greek Myths by Mary Pope Osborne; December: Jesus Storybook Bible; January: Pinocchio adapted by Lorenzo Mattotti; February: The Six Swans Illustrated by Gerda Raidt; March: Daniel in the Lion's Den in Tomi DePaola's Book of Bible Stories; April: Jesus Storybook Bible; May: Perseus and Medusa by C.J. Naden

#### **Optional Course Library List:**

September: Jesus Storybook Bible; October: The Frog Prince retold by Kathy-Jo Wargin; November: Journeys with Elijah: Eight Tales of the Prophet by Jerry Pinkney; December: Jesus Storybook Bible; January: Family Bible; February: The Twelve Labors of Hercules by James Riordan; March: The Trojan Horse by Warwick Hutton; April: Jesus Storybook Bible; May: The Steadfast Tin Soldier Illustrated by David Jorgensen

### **Student Progress**

Students will not be given grades or assessments by the instructor; however, Mrs. Molnar will work with parents to monitor student growth and adjust the course activities in accordance with each child's development.

#### **Mastery Portrait**

At the completion of this course, well-engaged students will be able to incorporate the language of virtue into their daily lives, as well as narrate short stories that they read. Additionally, students will be able to complete short dictation and memorization passages, as well as legible copywork exercises. Furthermore, they will have had an introduction to working with different mediums in art, and exposure to various scientific disciplines, such as electricity, simple machines, biology, and nature studies.

#### The Virtual Classroom

We will be using the free online "virtual classroom" software provided by Zoom, one of the leading companies that provides such software. The virtual classroom will provide students with interactive audio, video and an interactive whiteboard in which texts, video and other media can be displayed and analyzed. We will provide students with a link (via email) that will enable students to join the virtual classroom.