

**Mommy and Me
Cycle A 2021-2022
Section 2 Mondays 11:45-12:30**

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This course is intended for learners in grades K-3 with an adult in attendance and participating with the child during each session. There will also be a short conversation for parents at the conclusion of each weekly meeting to support the development of the Classical ethos in their homeschooling practice as well as share differentiation techniques to accommodate the learning activities to student skill level.

In Latin, the word 'vir' means 'man' and thus we see that virtues help us to grow as human beings made in the image of God. Scripture teaches us 'Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. According to science, musical training can begin as early as in utero, and the training of a child in what is good, beautiful and true is never begun too early.

One excellent way to encourage children to understand and grow in virtue is to surround them with fine literature even before they are able to read themselves, and continue this practice as they become emerging and later fluent readers.

Mommy and Me is here to provide families a place to share these literary adventures together while enriching these texts with practical experience in and out of the virtual classroom. These include science and art activities as well as months song and poetry opportunities.

Below is a list of quarterly themes as well a required reading list for the year. Additional resources to round out the curriculum will be shared during the first class meeting

Quarter 1:

1. Respect and Responsibility
2. Humility
3. Gratitude

Quarter 2:

1. Charity/Love
2. Honesty

Quarter 3:

1. Patience
2. Courage

Quarter 4:

1. Loyalty
2. Perservance

Required Course Library List:

The Ugly Duckling, Hans Christian Anderson *Illustrated by Robert Van Nutt*

Why Spiders Spin: A Story of Arachne *by Jame and Scott Simons*

Favorite Greek Myths *by Mary Pope Osborne*

Jesus Storybook Bible

Pinocchio adapted *by Lorenzo Mattotti*

The Six Swans *Illustrated by Gerda Raidt*

Daniel in the Lions Den *in Tomi DePaola's Book of Bible Stories*

The Steadfast Tin Soldier *illustrated by David Jorgensen*

The Frog Prince *retold by Kathy-Jo Wargin*

Favorite Greek Myths *by Mary Pope Osborne*

Format and Resources:

This class is designed to provide support and community to parents as well as children. Each week, children and their special adult meet “live” with the instructor and participate in various activities that are carefully selected to inspire wonder and awe in the children while guiding parents by giving examples and offering the opportunity to discuss questions regarding the implementation of the curriculum at home. The live class will not have grades or homework to be turned in because of the copious amount of supplemental material provided. It will be up to the parents to discern what restful learning looks like in their home and choose from the supplemental curriculum accordingly.

Each month you will be provided with a PDF pack containing a checklist of the month's activities, a mind map showing how they interlace, a supply list and lessons to teach, as well as information on how to successfully implement the curriculum at home. The materials will give ideas on how to differentiate instruction if you have multiple students in grades K-3. This is a great way to enjoy a bit of scholastic because you can use one curriculum for both kids!

Student Progress:

In keeping with the spirit of gentle introduction to virtues through literature, there will be no grades or assessments given to students by the instructor. However, she will work with parents to monitor student growth and adjust the course activities appropriately for each child.

Mastery Portrait:

Students will grow in the language of virtue throughout the year and be able to incorporate what they are learning into daily living. They will also be able to narrate stories from our time together as well as complete short dictation, memorization and copywork passages. Various artistic media will be explored as will elementary scientific topics.

