

Integritas Classical Community Pathfinders Program 2020-2021 School Year

5th & 6th Grade Beginning Logic Stage:

As students move into about the 5th grade they are in a unique position in the education process. They are at the upper range of the grammar stage and entering the beginning stages of logic. The Pathfinders program is designed to help students ease into the logic stage while nurturing the students' inquisitive minds. The curriculum we have chosen is easily adaptable for younger siblings in order to achieve the one room schoolhouse.

What is the logic stage:

Approaching age 10/11 students begin to enter the logic stage. At this stage a child's mind begins to think more analytically. Middle-school students are less interested in finding out facts than in asking "Why?" It is the second phase of classical education . The logic stage is a time when the child begins to pay attention to cause and effect, to the relationships between how different fields of knowledge relate, and to the way facts fit together into a logical framework. This is when they will begin to draw upon all those facts they memorized during the grammar stage.

What will community day look like?

Parents, as the main teacher of the student, are encouraged to be in class with the student as much as possible. If you have multiple students, try as best you can to split your time between your students. Ideally, you will remain with one child throughout the day and then the next community day go with another child. Please do not move back and forth between your children's classes throughout the day.

Classical Studies:

Pathfinder students will continue to be introduced to memory work as they are in a unique position, still benefiting from memorizing facts but ready for more depth from their education. In addition to new grammar memory work, students will get instruction in Latin from a full Latin curriculum during this portion of the day.

Science:

A tutor will provide instruction and facilitate discussion in a classroom setting using a full science curriculum. The tutor will also lead students in experiments. ICC will provide a plan from completion of the program and weekly assignments will be given by the tutor. Some work will be brought in for the tutor to review. Assignments will include

things like defining terms, memory work, sketches, reading and research from reference books, lab reports, and writing assignments.

History:

During this portion of the day, a tutor will provide instruction and facilitate discussion using a history curriculum. Weekly assignments will be given by the tutor and some work will be brought in for review. This portion will include a more detailed geography study with students learning how to draw the world from memory.

Fine Arts:

Pathfinders students will have a time of fine arts during the day.

SWAG: (Students of Writing and Grammar)

This afternoon class consists of an in depth study of English Grammar, a Writing Program, and a time for math practice. A tutor will provide instruction in each subject and weekly assignments will be given.

What will this look like at home?

Parents will need to divide the weekly assignments from the tutors up into daily assignments. Depending on your students needs, you will provide support, guidance, and help to your student in completing the assignments. Some parents may wish to teach their child each day in each subject and give them more guidance. Other students may work well independently and not need much help. You will need to do what is best for your family but one of the goals for logic stages is to move to more independent learning. Requiring your student to report back to you after they complete each subject will allow for timely assessment of their understanding and recognize areas of needed improvement. This can be a short discussion of what they did and what they learned for that subject that day or you can ask questions related to the topic of study to assess understanding. It is strongly recommended that you check their work daily to ensure they are completing assignments up to your expectations.

Some of the curriculum will have quizzes and tests. Even though we are striving to achieve a classical education and formal assessments are typically not a part of that process, we can not ignore that we live in a world that revolves around formal assessments. It is encouraged to utilize these resources in order to have your students get comfortable taking tests. These are also a great way to feel confident they are grasping concepts as well as identify areas of weakness.

What else should we do at home?

In addition to the program curriculums, a math and spelling program (depending on the student) will need to be added.

Don't forget the Claritas memory work! Memorizing the new grammar of any subject is a vitally important component of classical education that should not be neglected at any stage of learning. As students get older and move into higher levels of difficult subject matter, having the basic grammar of a subject memorized will be greatly beneficial.

You should plan to have your child reading books through the year. If you want to plan their reading around the memory work or the writing lessons, there are many resources available that will help with such planning. Suggested reading lists to correspond with Claritas Memory work can be found online. Additionally, the IEW curriculum has suggested literature links to correspond with the writing assignments. Some companies publish study guides that go along with the books or comprehension questions after each chapter to facilitate discussion.

Material List
Pathfinders (5th-6th grade)

Required:

Claritas Memory Work Guide Cycle 3 or Cross Seven subscription*	\$45/\$11mon
Claritas Map booklet cycle 3 [™]	\$20
Fundamentals of Grammar Guide*	\$55
Fundamentals of Grammar Workbook Unit 1 & 2 Cycle 3 ⁴	\$25
Fundamentals of Grammar Workbook Unit 3 Cycle 3 [™]	\$25
Institute for Excellence in Writing(IEW): Bible Based Writing Lessons ⁴	\$29
IEW Teaching Writing: Structure and Style Second Ed. Seminar Notebook	\$35
Chemistry for the Logic Stage Student Book [™] (Elemental Science)	\$25
DK Encyclopedia of Science*	\$22
Mystery of History Volume 3*	\$45
Exploring the World through Cartography*	\$35
Latin For Children Primer A Student Book ⁴ <i>5th grade</i>	\$25

Spelling Program of Choice

Math Program of Choice

Optional:

IEW Portable Wall for Structure and Style [™]	\$7
IEW Student Resource Notebook [™]	\$19
(this comes as a pdf download with history based writing lessons but some prefer to purchase already printed and in a binder)	
Claritas English Grammar Mastery Charts [™]	\$30
Latin for Children Primer A Activity Book ⁴	\$17
Latin for Children Primer A Answer Book*	\$15
Cassell's Concise Latin English Dictionary*	\$5
Chemistry for the Logic Stage Teacher's Guide*	\$25
Kingfisher Science Encyclopedia*	\$28
Usborne Illustrated Dictionary of Science*	\$30
DK Eyewitness Book Chemistry*	\$14

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