

# Classical School 2023-24

*New this year: We are moving to a 28-week calendar and classes will be on Tuesdays/Thursdays!*

## Grades 1-2



On Tuesdays, students will explore Spanish, *Song School Latin*, science, and math. For part of the day students will enjoy CREATE (21 Tools, creative movement, music, sensory path, and other activities that will help focus, attention, concentration, and attitude) with Debby Jasinski.

On Thursdays, students will explore language arts, American History, music, Spanish, and art.

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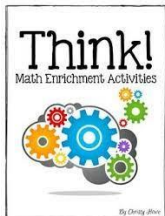


**Teachers:** Leigh Ann Whitman (Lead Teacher); Elaine McWhirter; Debby Jasinski (Create/Art); and Alejandra Guerra-Moxey (Spanish)

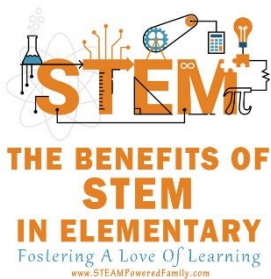
## Grades 3-5

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### Tuesday Classes



**Think! Math Enrichment** covers reinforcement of basic skills at the child's specific level of ability, as well as math games, mind math, and overall math stimulation. One of our chief purposes is to instill a love for math and for students to understand its usefulness. Students will use accelerated learning techniques. Parents are welcome to observe the class to learn about it.  
**Teacher:** Cheryl Red



**Engineering and Technology (STEM)** – STEM-based education teaches children more than science and mathematics concepts. With technology and engineering education, students get to problem solve, design, and innovate while being presented with rich and varied experiences. It aims for broad technological literacy within areas such as robotics, electronics, bio technologies, and much more. Students are encouraged to show initiative, be innovative and creative, learn independently, and take responsibility. They learn teamwork and communication skills. **Teacher:** Cheryl Red





**Create!** Creative movement, exercise, games, and other neurodevelopmental activities make the “sensory path” and “exercise” a blast. Students enjoy games, exercise, the 21 Tools, and other fun games and movement activities. Studies have shown that recess and movement help with focus, attention, attitude, and enjoyment. Students also use jump ropes, ribbons, scooters, hula-hoops, balance equipment, and eye/hand coordination games, to develop physical strength, balance, and coordination. And now HEP has an outdoor area. **Teacher:** Debby Jasinski



Adriana Swann

**Music Listening and Movement:** To complement our history program, the music class will explore music history of past ages. Students will study and listen to important composers of the day. They will develop and use listening maps as they experience the music. Taught by an experienced music and choir teacher, students will have fun while discovering their musical talents. **Teacher:**



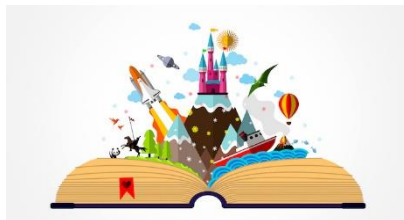
**Spanish** – Using the Total Physical Response (TPR) teaching method, Spanish classes incorporate music, physical activities, visuals, cards, games, and lively competition to make language learning fun and meaningful. Students acquire a second language in the same non-threatening manner as they did their first language: through exposure, observation, and interaction.

**Teacher:** Mary Sweeney

## Thursday Classes



**Art** – Just like a student can learn to write, students can learn to draw! The Classical School Student will receive art training in design, perspective, and technique. They will experiment with various art forms including color theory, drawing, painting, and other media. The purpose is to introduce students to art and to stimulate an interest in art. **Teacher:** Debby Jasinski

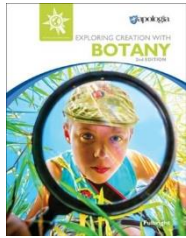


**Language Arts** – Known for its strong writing and rhetoric program, HEP introduces writing and grammar skills to our youngest writers via the Classical School Language Arts classes. The study of classical literature, coupled with lots of writing, will help each student to master grade level grammar concepts while working on basic paragraph writing skills. Taught by an experienced language arts teacher who is also a

reading specialist, students will garner not only new skills but confidence in their abilities. **Teacher:** Mandy McDonald



**History** – Using the classical history program, *Story of the World*, students will enjoy their journey through history one period at a time. This year they will focus on the Early Modern period, and to help them experience this time we will introduce a variety of activities. Maps, projects, hands-on activities, and games will reinforce the instructive material as they journey through the book. **Teacher:** TBA



**Science** – Our science classes use a S.T.E.M. approach to science discovery and problem solving. This year, the CS young scientists will explore BOTANY! Using the Tower Garden and outdoor raised beds, students will learn about seeds, pollination, fruits, leaves, roots, taxonomy, stems, and most importantly, why botany matters. The Tower Garden has lights so students may study the life cycle of different types of plants throughout the year! With hands-on-science activities, dissections, and gardening activities, students will enjoy growing food and tasting their own crops. Book: Apologia **Botany** and workbook. **Teacher:** Sue Rothberg

**At Home:** For grades 3-5, parents must cover the areas of Phonics/Reading, handwriting, spelling, and math at home. For those students who come only on Mondays, parents will need to cover language arts, history, and math at home.

## Classical School Grades 1-5 Calendar

**Dates:** Tuesdays – August 29-Dec 5 and Jan 9-April 16, 2024  
 Thursdays – August 31-Dec. 7 and Jan 11-April 18, 2024  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays – August 29-Dec 7 and Jan 9-April 18, 2024

**Time:** 9:15-3:15 pm

**Cost:** Tuesdays: \$1700; after 7/4 \$1800  
 Thursdays: \$1700; after 7/4 \$1800  
 Both Days: \$3000 (2-day discount included); after 7/4 \$3200  
 New Student Application Fee - \$25  
 Registration Fee - \$100



***Choose 1 day a week for 28 weeks or choose 2 days a week for 28 weeks.***

## Tips for Success....

- ✓ Parents should set aside at least 1-1½ hours per day for grades 1 and 2 schoolwork and 2-3 hours per day for grades 3-5 schoolwork. Children in grades 1-5 need supervision and teacher direction at home. Math should be done daily since practice is essential for achieving math mastery for high school.
- ✓ Schoolwork entails reading, writing, completing homework, and studying for quizzes and tests. Accelerated Math requires practicing the FACTS and working on speed.
- ✓ Special projects and other major activities often require the parent to set aside a couple of extra hours to ensure that these assignments are completed in a timely manner.
- ✓ All HEP TX students must complete a math curriculum and a reading curriculum at home since the limited amount of time we have your children at the Classical School is not enough to prepare your child academically in reading and math. If you need ideas for helping your child, please talk with the staff or make an appointment with Joanne Juren, Principal.

