



Week of April 3, 2022



## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The kindergarteners took a trip to Our Creative Outlet in Sussex and were creative!
- The first graders have enjoyed finding many different ways to add numbers to get a certain sum. Some of them have been able to find over thirty ways to make a sum of 9!
- The third and fourth graders have completed their model rockets and are eagerly waiting to launch them.
- The sixth and seventh graders just finished reading *Mr. Midshipman Easy*, by Frederick Marryat, and they HIGHLY recommend it to ANYONE!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 1** - Fish Fry
- Apr 10** - Palm Sunday  
All Children's Choirs sing
- Apr 12** - Benjamin A.'s Birthday
- Apr 14** - Maundy Thursday;  
Academy Choir Sings
- Apr 15** - Good Friday  
NO SCHOOL
- Apr 17** - Easter Sunday
- Apr 18** - Spring Break
- Apr 22** NO SCHOOL

## LEARN-BY-HEART CATECHETICAL WEEK 30

### Verse:

Romans 8:18

### Catechism:

Table of Duties - Of Citizens:  
Matthew 22: 21; Romans 13: 5-7; I Timothy 2: 1-3; Titus 3: 1; I Peter 2: 13-14

### Leaders:

Verse: Alec W.  
Of Citizens-  
Matthew 22: 21- Beatrice H.  
Romans 13: 5-7- Katie L.  
I Timothy 2: 1-3- Benjamin A.  
Titus 3: 1- Olivia V.  
I Peter 2: 13-14- August C.



## ART NOTES:

What's Going on in Art?

All the Academy artists (K-7) are engaged in creating a variety of images that coordinate with music selections for the Academy Spring Concert on Friday, May 13th. They are excited about the songs and enthused about their artwork. They are applying and honing the skills -- drawing, painting, cutting, pasting, and sculpting -- they've worked on all year in art. Their excitement builds... we hope yours does, too!

## LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

The schedule for the last week of school has changed...again

Because of limited tour times at the state capitol (due to covid) and the price of gas we will not be going to Madison for our end-of-year field trip. Instead, we will be going to the Milwaukee Public Museum. However, the museum is not open on Tuesdays, which was the originally scheduled date of the field trip. So... our schedule for the last week looks like this:

### Mon., May 30:

Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL

### Tue., May 31:

Hymn sing, convocation rehearsal, service day

### Wed., June 1:

End-of-year field trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum

### Thu., June 2:

12:00 dismissal  
6:00 Open House  
7:00 Honor Convocation

### Fri., June 3:

Catechetical Olympics;  
Academy Picnic and Yearbook Signing; LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

More details will be announced as we near the end of May. As always, if you have any questions or would like more clarification, please speak to your child's teacher or to Mrs. Ferguson.





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## FROM THE CLASSICAL COMMUNITY:

David M. Wright (2019, Winter),  
*Simply Classical Journal*

### Why Read Literature?

Amidst the gushing river of popular culture, the turbulent climate of politics, media bias, and misinformation, the tornadic winds of modern educational theories, and the volcanic eruption of screens and technology, a pertinent set of questions exists: Why read literature? Of what value is literature?

It is helpful to think about the role of literature in the context of cultural problems—for literature has always persisted in the midst of and in response to a fallen, often chaotic world. Assuredly, Wordsworth's lament applies to all ages, a prescient vision of the past, present, and future:

The world is too much  
with us; late and soon,  
Getting and spending,  
we lay waste our powers:  
Little we see in Nature  
that is ours;  
We have given our hearts  
away, a sordid boon!

Truly, we have given our hearts away, disconnecting ourselves from God, nature, and others—but literature has the capability of providing a restorative cure. So then, what kind of literature holds such power? The answer is the Great Book. Samuel Johnson said in his "Preface to Shakespeare" that "the only test of literary greatness is length

of duration and continuance of esteem." Moreover, a book may be considered great if it meets three criteria. The first is universality. A great book speaks to people across many ages—affecting, inspiring, and changing readers far removed from the time and place in which it was written. Second, it has a Central One Idea and themes that address matters of enduring importance. And third, it features noble language. A great book is written in beautiful language that enriches the mind and elevates the soul.

Now that we have established what kind of literature to read, let's consider why we should read literature. Here are six reasons:

1. Reading great literature exercises the imagination. We enjoy stories; it is a pleasure to meet characters and to live in their world, to experience their joys and sorrows. In a practical sense, an active imagination helps us perceive truth, make value judgments, and deal with the complexities of life in creative ways. It even aids in our ability to use logic and to reason well.
2. Reading literature transports us out of our current context and into other ages and places. Interacting with characters across space and time diminishes our ignorance. Mark Twain once remarked, "*Travel is fatal to prejudice, narrowmindedness, and bigotry. Broad, wholesome,*

*charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all of one's lifetime.*" Because most of us cannot pilot a steamboat along the Mississippi River, or travel to many parts of the world as Twain was able to do, literature serves as a worthy guide and vessel for our exploration.

3. Reading literature enables us to see the world through the eyes of others. It trains the mind to be flexible, to comprehend other points of view—to set aside one's personal perspectives to see life through the eyes of someone who is of another age, class, or race. Reading literature nurtures and develops the power of sympathetic insight.
4. Great works of literature have played a fundamental role in shaping society. For example, *The Epic of Gilgamesh* initiated the archetypal narrative of the hero embarking on an epic quest, which became a popular and influential blueprint for literature the world over. Some other landmark texts include Homer's *Odyssey*, Dante's *Divine Comedy*, Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, and Cervantes' *Don Quixote*, which is credited as the first novel in the Western world, creating a genre that has since become the dominant form of literature

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