

# Risen Savior Classical Academy

A Homeschool Community

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## Subjects Overview

Every effort is made to select the highest quality materials at an affordable cost for families. Please see the following as the curriculum chosen by RSCA and why. RSCA is open to reviewing other curricula at parents' request.

Parents are required to purchase the Teacher Manual for each course. Please keep these in a separate location from the student. Students should not have access to your Teacher Manual.

### Bible

Iota, Alpha, and Beta classes will familiarize students with the major stories of the Bible using *The Story Bible*. It includes verses, vocabulary, and discussion questions with rich, artistic illustrations reinforcing the stories learned are historical.

*Christian Studies I* and *II* are used in the Gamma and Delta classes as a deeper understanding of our Christian heritage. *Christian Studies I* covers the major stories from Creation to the Entry into Canaan. *Christian Studies II* covers the Rise and Fall of Israel and Prophets. The following year will include *Christian Studies III* that covers the New Testament. *The Golden Children's Bible* is the Bible used as the resource for these courses in class as the pages coordinate with the lessons easily and keep the nature of the Bible, not just retelling of the stories. Note that some of the Memory Work for class will not be the same as the passage in the lessons. This course can be extended as a family Bible study as well for younger children and a great refresher for parents.

### Phonics and Cursive

*Alpha-Phonics* is a systematic method of teaching phonics through decoding the English language. It is a thorough curriculum starting from simple short vowel words to more complex, developing strategies for students as come to unfamiliar words after completion of the book. There are no distracting pictures to keep students focused on the lesson. Parents are strongly encouraged to read the Teacher's Manual of the book (starting on p. 131) prior to any lessons.

*Cursive First* is an inexpensive writing curriculum with license to reproduce writing pages as often as needed. This is a simplified cursive, eliminating unnecessary loops while still maintaining true cursive font. There is great value to teaching children cursive as the first handwriting method. This curriculum teaches step by step how to form each letter. Parents are strongly encouraged to be at the child's side while practicing cursive to immediately correct if needed and to read the instruction portion thoroughly.

### Grammar

Grammar study will begin in the Beta class with *First Language Lessons* program. Students will need to have lined paper for writing out lessons; the text is non consumable. *Grammar for the Well-Trained Mind*, *Purple Book* and *Core Instructor Text* is the curriculum for Gamma and Delta classes. The *Core Instructor Text* covers a thorough four-year program of study. The Latin courses will reinforce grammar study.

### Latin

Latin study will begin in Beta class with *Prima Latina*. *Latina Christiana* will be taught in the Gamma class, and *First Form Latin* will be taught in the Delta class. These are all introductory level courses suited for the appropriate developmental age of the student. However, all older Latin students should begin Latin study as the First Form curriculum. These courses are designed with the instructor with no Latin background. Each level has a pronunciation CD parents are encouraged to have for home. The publisher also offers flashcards for purchase, although parents can have their student make their own flashcards with index cards. Latin is not a subject done

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**History-** We will study western history from A.D. 500 through 1600, commonly known as the Middle Ages and Renaissance (and Reformation). We will cover topics on military history, political history, social history, church history, and history of the arts. There is no text but class materials will be mostly taken from on-line sites and will include reading of primary sources (in translation). Students will be writing a research project on an assigned topic.

## Greek- Greek 1

We will be using John R. Werner *Greek: a Programmed Primer*\*. It will cover the following topics:

- the alphabet,
- nouns and their declensions,
- Greek articles,
- the linking verb,
- verbs present and future indicative, infinitive, and imperative
- indirect discourse
- demonstrative pronouns and adjectives
- interrogatives
- indefinite relatives

Grades will be determined by quizzes and tests.

\*Awaiting permission from author. Students will be promptly notified of any changes.

**Music-** This course will give the student an opportunity to listen to great music from the Western tradition with an emphasis on works of a liturgical nature. Musical works will be listened to multiple times. The instructor will lead the students through the formal structures and theological meaning of the music so that they can understand its purpose and value in worship. They are also given an opportunity to describe what they hear in the music through essays on various pieces of music. Class materials will include on-line sites and handouts written by the Dr. Schuler. Students will be writing about the music they listen to.

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## Iota Class

Approximate ages 5-6

Requirements to start this class:

Social/Emotional

- Physically and emotionally ready to handle 2 full days of school each week and displays a desire to learn.
- Persists at completing a task and can ask questions if more information is needed.
- Can ask an adult for help.
- Can follow rules and routines.
- Speaks clearly and can be easily understood.
- Fully toileted, including knowing how to wipe themselves.

Academic

- Knows first and last name.
- Can write and recognize their first name- can be in all caps.
- Able to sort by size, shape, and color.
- Listens, with interest, to stories read aloud.
- Can sing or recite the alphabet.

Much of the skills mentioned above are learned through play and fun with parents and siblings. No need for flashcards and drills. Spend lots of time reading aloud and giving time for unstructured play.

The Iota class will combine lessons from Wittenberg Academy, Memoria Press, and other approved sources to create a well-rounded curriculum. There will also be emphasis on developmentally appropriate play as social/emotional intelligence is a large part of Iota learning. Excitement for learning will be encouraged!

Students will gain a solid understanding of phonics to become strong, fluent readers. Likewise, there will be an emphasis in math basics to encourage future success. There will be many opportunities to develop penmanship, learn basic history and geography, investigate science topics, and study catechesis, through weekly Bible stories, verses, prayers, and recitation your child will gain early skills to become Biblically literate children.

Required Course Materials (Parents must purchase these):

- ISBN: 9780941995009 *Alpha-Phonics* by Samuel Blumenfeld
- ISBN: 9780739907191 *Rod and Staff Grade 1 Beginning Arithmetic, Teacher's Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.*
- ISBN: 9780739907146 *Rod and Staff Grade 1 Beginning Arithmetic, Workbook Part I, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.*
- ISBN: 9780739907177 *Rod and Staff Grade 1 Beginning Arithmetic, Speed Drills, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.*

Optional Course Materials:

- ISBN: 9780758619020 *The Story Bible* by Concordia Publishing House (highly recommended)
- ISBN: 9781615387786 *Christian Studies Enrichment* by Memoria Press

Additional general school supplies will be needed.

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## Alpha Class

Approximate ages 6-7

Requirements to start this class:

- Able to recognize all letters of the alphabet (upper and lower cases)
- Count to 20 or beyond
- Be able to sit in a chair and focus on a lesson for at least 15 minutes
- Fine motor skills such as lacing, playing piano, building with legos, coloring, cut paper on lines without assistance, etc.
- Sort by color and shape
- Work with some independence
- Can draw shapes and lines
- Has memorized some simple songs, poems, prayers, Bible verses
- Emotionally ready to attend class two full days a week

Much of the skills mentioned above are learned through play and fun with parents and siblings. No need for flashcards and drills. Spend lots of time reading aloud and giving time for unstructured play.

Required Course Materials (Parents must purchase these):

- ISBN: 9780941995009 *Alpha-Phonics* by Samuel Blumenfeld
- ISBN: 9780974492018 *Cursive First: An Introduction to Cursive Penmanship* by Elizabeth FitzGerald
- ISBN: 9781615389094 *Traditional Spelling I Student Workbook* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781615389100 *Traditional Spelling I Teacher Manual* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9780739907191 *Rod and Staff Grade 1 Beginning Arithmetic, Teacher's Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.*
- ISBN: 9780739907146 *Rod and Staff Grade 1 Beginning Arithmetic, Workbook Part I, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.*
- ISBN: 9780739907153 *Rod and Staff Grade 1 Beginning Arithmetic, Workbook Part II, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.*
- ISBN: 9780739907177 *Rod and Staff Grade 1 Beginning Arithmetic, Speed Drills, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.*

Optional Course Materials:

- ISBN: 9781615388455 *First Grade Enrichment* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9780758619020 *The Story Bible* by Concordia Publishing House (highly recommended)
- ISBN: 9781615387786 *Christian Studies Enrichment* by Memoria Press

The enrichment book will give students an introduction to poetry, advanced language skills, history, art, music, and culture through classical children's literature. Parents are not required to purchase.

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## Beta Class

Approximate ages 7-9

Requirements to start this class:

- Able to read. Extensive fluency is not required, but students should have basic ability to decode words using phonics techniques. Essentially, students should be able to "sound out" a brief story, follow along when being read to, and comprehend a story.
- Write all letters of the alphabet legibly as well as short words for dictation
- Add and subtract within 20 without great difficulty or counting on fingers
- Can sit and participate in class respectfully
- Write all numbers to 100 well
- Identify larger and smaller when comparing numbers

**Required Course Materials** (Parents must purchase these):

- ISBN: 9781930953512 *Prima Latina Student Workbook* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781930953529 *Prima Latina Teacher Manual* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781930953505 *Prima Latina CD* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781933339443 *First Language Lessons* by Jessie Wise
- ISBN: 9780974492018 *Cursive First: An Introduction to Cursive Penmanship* by Elizabeth FitzGerald
- ISBN: 9781933339269 *Writing with Ease Level I Workbook* by Susan Wise Bauer
- ISBN: 9781402773228 *Animal Folk Tales of America* by Tony Palazzo
- ISBN: 9781615384600 *Animal Folk Tales of America Student Guide* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9780060581800 *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- ISBN: 9781615380435 *Little House in the Big Woods Student Guide* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9780723247821 *The Tale of Johnny Town-Mouse* by Beatrix Potter
- ISBN: 9780723247739 *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny* by Beatrix Potter
- ISBN: 9780723247708 *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter
- ISBN: 9780723247777 *The Tale of Tom Kitten* by Beatrix Potter
- ISBN: 9781615380442 *Tales from Beatrix Potter Student Guide* by Memoria Press
- Tin Whistle

**Optional Course Materials:**

- ISBN: 9780758619020 *The Story Bible* by Concordia Publishing House (highly recommended)
- ISBN: 9781615387786 *Christian Studies Enrichment* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781893103412 *A Child's First Book of American History* by Earl Schenck Miers

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## Gamma Class

Approximate ages 9-11

Requirements to start this class:

- Able to take a short dictation and copy sentences neatly with careful attention to punctuation
- Read with comprehension to answer questions
- Willingness to read aloud when called upon
- Willingness to read papers to class
- Have familiarity with basic Bible stories from Old and New Testaments
- Has been introduced to multiplication and division
- Understands basic fractions
- Basic familiarity with English grammar to include parts of speech, subject, predicate, etc.

**Required Course Materials** (Parents must purchase these):

- ISBN: 9780307165206 *The Golden Children's Bible* by Golden Books
- ISBN: 9781615387281 *Christian Studies I* Student Book by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781615387298 *Christian Studies I* Teacher Manual by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781615385188 *Latina Christiana* Student Book by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781615385195 *Latina Christiana* Teacher Manual by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781945841040 *Grammar for the Well Trained-Mind*, Purple Book by Susan Wise Bauer
- ISBN: 9781945841064 *Grammar for the Well-Trained Mind*, Core Instructor Text, Years 1-4 by Susan Wise Bauer & Audrey Anderson
- ISBN: 978087798095 *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, Eleventh Edition
- ISBN: 9781623413446 *IEW Ancient History Based Writing*, Student Book, 2021 Edition
- ISBN: 9781930953826 *Famous Men of Rome* by John H. Haaren & A.B. Poland
- ISBN: 9781930953802 *Famous Men of Rome* Student Workbook by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781930953819 *Famous Men of Rome* Teacher Guide by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9780064409421 *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
- ISBN: 9781615380534 *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* Teacher Guide by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781615380527 *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* Student Guide by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9780141322568 *Heidi* by Johanna Spyri
- ISBN: 9781615387953 *Heidi* Student Guide by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781615387960 *Heidi* Teacher Guide by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9780312371319 *Lassie Come-Home* by Eric Knight
- ISBN: 9781615380565 *Lassie Come-Home* Student Guide by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781615380572 *Lassie Come-Home* Student Guide by Memoria Press
- Tin Whistle

**Optional Course Materials:**

- *Famous Men of Rome* flashcards by Memoria Press or students can make their own
- *Latina Christiana* pronunciation CD
- *Latina Christiana* flashcards by Memoria Press or students can make their own
- ISBN: 9781623413453 *IEW Ancient History Based Writing*, Teacher's Manual, 2021 edition

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## Delta Class

Approximate ages 11-13

Requirements to start this class:

- Able to take dictation and copy sentences neatly with careful attention to punctuation
- Read with comprehension to answer questions
- Willingness to read aloud when called upon
- Willingness to read papers to class
- Have familiarity with basic Bible stories from Old and New Testaments
- Comfortable using multiplication and division
- Understands basic fractions
- Basic familiarity with English grammar to include parts of speech, subject, predicate, etc.

**Required Course Materials** (Parents must purchase these):

- ISBN: 9780307165206 *The Golden Children's Bible* by Golden Books
- ISBN: 9781615387366 *Christian Studies II Student Book* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781615387373 *Christian Studies II Teacher Manual* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781615380022 *First Form Latin Student Text* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781547701674 *First Form Latin Student Workbook* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781547702701 *First Form Latin Teacher Manual* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9781945841040 *Grammar for the Well Trained-Mind*, Purple Book by Susan Wise Bauer
- ISBN: 9781945841064 *Grammar for the Well-Trained Mind*, Core Instructor Text, Years 1-4 by Susan Wise Bauer & Audrey Anderson
- ISBN: 9781623413446 *IEW Ancient History Based Writing*, Student Book, 2021 Edition
- ISBN: 9781615387328 *Famous Men of Greece* by John H. Haaren & A.B. Poland (Memoria Press)
- ISBN: 9781547702015 *Famous Men of Greece Student Workbook* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9780974531571 *The Fallacy Detective*, Workbook edition by Nathaniel and Hans Bluedorn
- ISBN: 978087798095 *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, Eleventh Edition
- ISBN: 9780553494839 *Black Ships Before Troy* by Rosemary Sutcliff
- ISBN: 9780007146901 *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- ISBN: 9781615380640 *The Hobbit Student Guide* by Memoria Press
- ISBN: 9780486400778 *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
- Tin Whistle

**Optional Course Materials:**

- ISBN: 9781623413453 *IEW Ancient History Based Writing*, Teacher's Manual, 2021 edition
- *First Form Latin* flashcards, quizzes, pronunciation CD

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## Omega Class

Approximate ages 14-18

**Monday Courses** (These courses, plus Debate held on Thursday, will be taught by one of our pastors.)

**Bible** – This course will be a deeper look at each book of the Bible to discuss people, places, customs, and Biblical life practices.

- o Text will be checked out by student and returned.

**Literature** – This course offers a particular selection of American poetry and short stories from 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries to develop understanding and appreciation for authors like Longfellow, Whittier, and Holmes.

- o ISBN: 9781615383689 *The American Tradition: Poetry & Short Stories* by Memoria Press
- o ISBN: 9781615383634 *The American Tradition: Poetry & Short Stories Student Guide* by David M. Wright

**Science** – This course will be cover space, astronomy, as well as an overview of geology, climate, weather, rivers, and oceans.

- o ISBN: 9781935614197 *Earth Science & Astronomy for the Logic Stage Student Guide* by Paige Hudson

**Rhetoric** – This course is based on Aristotle's Rhetoric, "the first part of the greatest single book on communication ever written" per Memoria Press's Martin Cothran. Students will develop higher knowledge of Aristotle himself as well as the classical principles of speech and writing.

- o ISBN: 9781930953444 *Classical Rhetoric with Aristotle Student Text* by Martin Cothran
- o ISBN: 9780486437934 *Aristotle's Rhetoric*

**Art**-Students will study artists from Giotto to Calder, learning more of each artist's life, major works, public reaction, and impact.

- o ISBN: 9780825142451 *Short Lesson in Art History: Artists and Their Work* by Phyllis Clausen Barker

**Thursday Courses** (All of these courses except Debate and Latin I will be taught by Dr. Schuler.)

**Debate**-Students will study various valid and false arguments. Includes dialogues, advertisements, and other real-world examples.

- o ISBN: 9781600510182 *The Art of the Argument: An Introduction to the Informal Fallacies* by Dr. Aaron Larsen, Joelle Hodge

Latin (1<sup>st</sup> and Advanced)

**1<sup>st</sup> Form/Introductory Latin** – This course is for beginning Latin students to start with the grammar stage of learning with forms and vocabulary in a systematic way to reach mastery.

- o ISBN: 9781615380022 *First Form Latin Student Text* by Memoria Press
- o ISBN: 9781547701674 *First Form Latin Student Workbook* by Memoria Press

**Latin Advanced** - This will be a review course for those who have taken 4th Form Latin from Memoria Press. We will be using Louis Schuler *Ecclesiastical Latin: Years 1 and 2*. Grades will be determined by quizzes and tests