

Ten Informational Minutes on Classical Lutheran Education

Minute #4 - A - Alphabet and Arithmetic: A Firm Foundation

(Recap) In our 10-part series, we are exploring classical education through the acrostic of the word CLASSICAL. The first C was for the two canons – the canon of Holy Scripture and the canon of Western civilization – two kingdoms, two canons. The first L was for liberal arts – the language arts and the mathematical arts.

We now turn to the first “A” in classical – standing for alphabet and arithmetic – a firm foundation.

Whereas post-modern education pushes abstractions and applications long before teaching prerequisite knowledge, a classical education insists on giving students a firm foundation. In the early years we teach arithmetic to mastery, and we teach to mastery all of the sound/symbol connections needed for reading, writing, and spelling. Join our discussion groups or learn more, ccle.org.

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