

## Ten Informational Minutes on Classical Lutheran Education

### Minute #5 – S is for Simplicity

The first “S” in classical is for simplicity.

Whereas post-modern education may fragment learning into something confusing, random, or complicated, a classical education is orderly. We begin with needed facts, skills, and knowledge to lay a foundation built upon ample practice. With the foundation firmly in place, students then learn to discern and analyze. Finally, they are taught to express themselves in persuasive and eloquent ways. Grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric.

Because we lay a strong foundation before delving more deeply, the simplicity and order allow any student to benefit, even if only at rudimentary levels, as explained in the book *Simply Classical: A Beautiful Education for Any Child* and as taught in the *Simply Classical Curriculum*. On the cover of the books you will see Jesus welcoming the little children in mercy, simplicity, and truth.

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