



# ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | TRIVIUM EAST

## A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Friends,

As always, we are looking for the best curricular resources and materials to advance the academic knowledge and skills of our students. A rich vein of such resources runs through the classical education model, which has benefited generations of Americans over the past few centuries.

One of the key components of the classical model is the study of Latin. A growing body of research reveals the value of Latin instruction to students as young as kindergarten. Just as Spalding phonics provides the essential phonemic building blocks for writing, spelling, and reading to our scholars, Latin provides the essential building blocks of meaning for English vocabulary, grammar, and writing. Mastery of all 70 Spalding phonograms opens the door for a child to decode a variety of words never taught to them directly, so too, a student who masters 100 Latin roots is able to derive the meaning of 1,000 English words without ever memorizing their meaning from a vocabulary list.

Grounding in Latin provides students with a solid understanding of the grammatical constructs and vocabulary of language. Its logical configuration teaches students to think about the structure of language, and provides them with the ability to communicate beautifully and eloquently as they mature.

Finally, for practical modern parent concerns, Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores reveal that students with a foundation of Latin are stronger in the critical reading portion of the test than those who have not. Latin also provides problem solving and reasoning skills to students, which help them with the mathematics portion of the SAT.

With all these considerations and many more in mind, Archway Classical Academy – Trivium East will continue Latin instruction in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, and expand it to into our K-3 program. We look forward to partnering with our families in this newest venture, and witnessing the light of learning burn ever brighter in the hearts and minds of our young Athenian scholars. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me about this or any other matter.

With devotion,

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