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**Let's start with a prayer...**

**Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas**

Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,  
and a hope of finally embracing you.  
Amen.





## Our Mission

Aquinas Learning is a classical education mentoring program which guides students toward wisdom and virtue. Students meet once a week for a class day with their mentors and peers and, using materials and on-line support that we provide, continue the curriculum with their parents and siblings at home.

By studying the liberal arts and by discussing the great ideas of Western civilization, in full communion with the Catholic Church, students develop a **taste and affection** for what is true, good, and beautiful as well as the **skills** of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking through:

- Good books with Socratic discussions
- Core subject discussions – catechism, history, science, and civics
- Memory practice – Latin, grammar, timeline, and geography
- Fine arts studies – music and art appreciation, chants, and art projects
- Science experiments – exploring the splendor of order in God's creation
- Oral presentations – elocution, listening, and note-taking skills
- Language arts – IEW, grammar, diagramming, copy work, spelling, and handwriting

Students form a **habit of mind**, that of being inquisitive, perceptive, ordered, and contemplative leading to **moral and intellectual virtue**, right reason applied to right action following God's will for them.

## Our Curriculum

*"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you."*

- St. Paul: Philippians 4:6-9



**CYCLE THREE**

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

**WEEK 1**

**Memory Works – Core Subjects**

Catechism:  
The Mystery of God: There are three persons in one God. This mystery is called the Blessed Trinity.

History:  
*The Spanish, French, and British Settlements*  
After Columbus came, many Europeans raced to the “New World” for wealth, land, and religious freedom. The British settled in the East, French traders claimed the North East and the Mississippi Region, and the Spanish colonized the South and the West.

Science:  
Human anatomy is the study of the structure of the human body composed of tissues which are grouped together to form organs that function together in various systems.

Virtue:  
What is Virtue?  
Virtue is “a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows one to give the best of himself...one pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions. We receive the virtues of faith, hope and charity when we are baptized.

**Memory Works - Memorization**

<p>Latin : Beati pauperes spiritu:  Blessed are the poor in spirit  Roots: corpus, corporis jungo, junctum digitusdenis, dennis oots:</p>	<p>Timeline:  Creation Adam and Eve Cain and Abel Noah and the Flood</p>	<p>Math: Skip count by 1’s: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12(just recite this) Skip count by 2’s:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, we want to skip count more.</p>
	<p>Civics: The framers of the Constitution divided the power within the federal government into three branches: the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch.</p>	

**Group Work**

<p>Group Class: MUSIC  Lowell Mason</p>	<p>Good Books / Poetry / Family Read-A-Loud  SP I-The Right Time to Laugh  SP II Midsummer Night's Dream- Part 1</p>	<p>Geography  Continents</p>
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## Week 1

Language Arts & Philosophy		
<p>SPI – Copy Work:</p> <p>When you are talking to your elders, it is a good time to practice the art of listening, an essential part of any conversation.</p>	<p>SPI – Handwriting:</p> <p>Preparation – read Introduction Lesson 1 - 3</p>	<p>SPI – PAL</p> <p>Story Summary Intro “Goldilocks and The Three Bears”</p> <p>P. 7, 8 P.10, 11</p>
<p>SPII – Grammar:</p> <p>POS: Sentence or Fragment DIAG: complete subject/complete predicate P&amp;C:1<sup>st</sup> word cap / period at end COM: their, there, they're</p>	<p>SPII – Composition (IEW): Lesson 1/Unit 1 (PG 11, 12) Vocabulary- Lesson 1 words HOMEWORK: KWO</p>	<p>Philosophy for SPI &amp; SPII:</p> <p><b>Problem solving/Inferring</b> Ch7.Episode 1: Leading idea 3 Ch7.Episode 1:Leading idea 1</p>
Parent / Mentor Notes		
<p>Grammar note: POS – Parts of speech DIAG- Diagramming P&amp;C- Punctuation and Capitalization COM- Common Mistakes</p>		



## Day 3 Schedule: **Catechism, Latin or Greek**

- Memorization**     Read through all the visual aids with your child. Sing all the songs for this week.
- Latin or Greek:**     You have been reading through the Latin/Greek visual aid all week, so the words should be familiar. Look through the lesson and pick out any words that look like English words. Use the CD to learn proper pronunciation. Make index cards & write the meaning on the back.
- Catechism:**     Read the lesson in “Through Christ’s Church” and discuss. Go to course site links and behold art/music related to the Catechism lesson.
- Timeline:**     Review this week’s timeline. Scatter them around and put them back in order by date.

### Schola Prima I:

- PAL:**     Complete homework for PAL writing or story sequence with Mom’s help.
- Handwriting:**     Practice proper posture, pencil grip, paper angle, and strokes/letters of the week.
- Copywork:**     Discuss the copywork selection with your child. What does it mean? Why is it worthy of imitation? Complete the workbook page. If your child struggles with too much writing, either split the assignment over several days or have them trace with a fine marker. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders should add these to their “common place books.”

### Schola Prima II:

- Grammar:**     Review “weekly overview” pages. Complete daily exercises in AL Workbook. Check answers in key and discuss.
- IEW:**     Complete daily assignments relating to IEW History-based theme books.

### Independent Work:



# CATECHISM

Week 1

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# HISTORY

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# LATIN

Week 1

Beati pauperes spiritu:  
*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

## Roots:

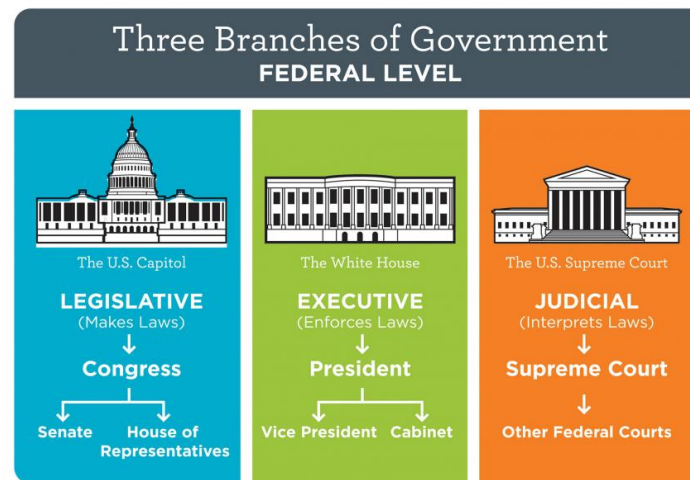
corpus, corporis  
jungo, junctum  
digitus, denis, dentis



# CIVICS

Week 1

The framers of the Constitution divided the power within the federal government into three branches:  
the **executive branch**,  
the **legislative branch**,  
and the **judicial branch**.





# MATH

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12 (recite)

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(Camp Town Races)



# Copywork

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