

HOMESCHOOLING WITH OUTSIDE PRESSURES

This session offers a heartfelt discussion about homeschooling through moves, pregnancies, hospitalizations, deployments, unemployment, family businesses, and everything in between. What does homeschooling look like when outside circumstances dictate the schedule? How can God be glorified during times that test our patience and will? We hope to provide a mix of hopeful encouragement and down-to-earth suggestions for homeschooling under unusual stress.

TRANSITIONING TO GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The leap from the gentle delight of primary school into the increased academic expectations of third grade can be daunting to many parents and their students. If you're embarking on this transition for the first (or fifth!) time and need inspiration and support, this session will give a bird's eye view of the changes in each subject as well as practical tips for navigating the move successfully.

ORDERING DAYS: IDEAL VS IDOL

Join Courtney and Margaret as they discuss how to navigate your school days using the Curriculum Manual as a guide, with grace and flexibility along the way. We'll discuss creating daily schedules, managing priorities, and using the Manual as an ideal instead of an idol to implement the curriculum we have come to love.

VALUE OF REVIEW IN THE MP CURRICULUM

Review with MP flashcards, recitations, and oral drills: Do we need to do it all to succeed? How do we fit it all in? Can my child really retain this much information? This session will answer these questions and encourage you to make review a cornerstone in your homeschool day. Included will be a discussion on the importance of review in a Memoria Press education as well as practical solutions and tips for implementation.

HYBRID HOMESCHOOLING

There are times when a family needs outside-the-home teaching and community support. Families are increasingly turning to Highlands Latin Cottage Schools, the MP Online Academy, and co-ops that use MP materials. This session is for anyone using these methods to assist with teaching MP materials in their homeschool. Discuss the unique blessings and challenges of partnering with other teachers, ask questions about how to oversee assigned work, and make connections with other hybrid homeschooling families.

KEEPING ON WITH HOMESCHOOLING INTO HIGH SCHOOL

Many homeschool communities begin to shrink as children enter the middle and high school years. A roundtable of veteran homeschoolers will share how they persevered in homeschooling through high school as well as discuss the challenges and benefits unique to educating teens.

LATIN IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

To Cheryl Lowe, founder of Memoria Press, a classical education necessarily included instruction in classical languages; that is why the MP curriculum includes Latin in its earliest grade levels. This session will focus on how Latin fits in the primary grades, with a special emphasis on using *Prima Latina*.

LATIN IN THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

An emphasis on Latin is at the core of the Memoria Press curriculum, especially in grammar school. We will cover implementation of *Latina Christiana*, *First Form Latin*, and *Second Form Latin* in this session. Attendees will gain a better understanding of how to use these Latin programs and why they form the core of the MP curriculum.

LATIN IN THE UPPER SCHOOL

With the transition into upper school, students will complete their study of the Latin grammar, completing all verb forms for all four conjugations by studying participles, infinitives, gerunds, and much more. Preparing students for translation courses can appear overwhelming, and this session is designed to help ease that fear. *Third Form Latin*, *Fourth Form Latin*, and *First Year Henle* will be the focus in this session.

LATIN TRANSLATION COURSES

Intended for those whose students have completed their study of the Latin grammar, this session will offer practical guidance on how to approach translation of Latin prose and poetry. Of particular focus will be our Caesar and Cicero programs (Henle, Mueller), but questions will be welcome regarding other Latin translation materials.

MATH IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

In primary-level mathematics, mastery of addition and subtraction is key. Of the four concrete operations, the main focus of daily work is only upon these two. Through introduction, practice, and consistent review, mastery of these facts can be attained in both written and oral format. This session will focus on JK through second grade math.

MATH IN THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mastery of addition and subtraction facts are reviewed as multiplication and division are formally introduced and memorized. Teaching math facts with the intent of placement in long-term memory is a focus of math in grammar school. This session will focus on the third through sixth grade math programs.

MATH IN THE UPPER SCHOOL

Prealgebra, algebra I, algebra II, and geometry will be the primary focus of this session, with discussion on more elevated concepts as necessary. Families with students approaching or already entrenched in these programs will find support and guidance in how to teach them well within their homes.

GREEK MYTHS

Fundamental to a classical education is the study of the ancient civilizations of Greece and Rome. This journey begins with an examination of Greek mythology. This session will provide an explanation of why the myths are studied in the Classical Core Curriculum as well as tips on how to make the most of this study.

FAMOUS MEN

In fourth through seventh grade, students learn about the most influential figures of ancient Greece, ancient Rome, and the Middle Ages through biographical studies. This session will focus on the why and how of the *Famous Men of Greece*, *Famous Men of Rome*, *Famous Men of the Middle Ages*, and *Famous Men of Modern Times* programs.

HOMER & VIRGIL

Building on the study of the most influential Greek and Roman figures, the Memoria Press Classical Studies curriculum has at its center the study of the great Greek and Roman poets Homer and Virgil. This session will cover Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* and Virgil's *Aeneid*, as well as the Dorothy Mills programs *The Book of the Ancient Greeks* and *The Book of the Ancient Romans*.

BEYOND HOMER

This session will provide focused help on determining a Classical Studies curriculum for students blessed to continue beyond Homer and Virgil. We will cover which authors to read, such as Sophocles, Aeschylus, and Dante, and how to study their works.

PHONICS & READING INSTRUCTION

The outstanding Memoria Press phonics and reading program provides extensive practice in the critical first step of learning to read: blending short vowels in three-letter words. To ensure reading success, we provide abundant reading practice, including the phonetic stories in *First Start Reading* and three colorful readers with short stories that will reward and motivate your beginning reader. This session will be primarily concerned with the reading and phonics program in the kindergarten curriculum but will also touch on tips for developing skills in pre-literacy stages (preschool/junior kindergarten) and tips for struggling students.

LITERATURE IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

This session will focus on developing reading skills in first and second grades. We will explore *StoryTime Treasures*, *More StoryTime Treasures*, and the second grade literature selections from the Classical Core Curriculum with a special emphasis on the proper use of literature guides in the primary grades and what pitfalls to avoid when teaching developing readers.

LITERATURE IN THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The third through sixth grade literature programs will be the primary focus in this session. In addition to the literature selections, we introduce a formal study of poetry through the *Poetry for the Grammar Stage* program. Attendees will receive guidance in teaching these programs as well as tips on how to respond to struggling students and how to challenge those who may appear to be excelling beyond the material included in their grade level package.

LITERATURE IN THE UPPER SCHOOL

As students continue to work through the most classic works of literature, their ability to comprehend and analyze literary works expands. In this session, attendees will receive guidance on how to properly utilize the upper school literature guides, which present a distinct approach to the study of novels, Shakespeare, and poetry. This session will primarily focus on the literature selections used in the Memoria Press curriculum.

IEW'S ALL THINGS FUN & FASCINATING

This session, led by Andrew Pudewa of the Institute for Excellence in Writing, will provide an overview of the introductory writing program *All Things Fun & Fascinating*. Attendees will receive guidance on how to use the program and what to expect in terms of results, as well as have the opportunity to ask questions.

FABLE – NARRATIVE

In the earliest of the *Classical Composition* stages, students are just beginning to learn the art of composition. This session will serve as an introduction to the *progymnasmata* – the backbone of the *Classical Composition* series – as well as a thorough how-to of its first two stages.

CHREIA & MAXIM – REFUTATION/CONFIRMATION

This session will offer insightful support on how to teach the third and fourth stages of the *progym*, including what to expect and how to teach a lesson. Special emphasis will be placed on the central concepts of the Heads of Development and Heads of Purpose.

COMMON TOPIC AND BEYOND

This session will provide an exploration of the *Classical Composition* program beyond Ref/Con. We will cover questions about college readiness, end goals, and integration with other disciplines.

CHRISTIAN STUDIES IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

How does a study of the Bible fit in kindergarten through second grade? We seek to answer that question in this session. An examination of Scripture memory verse recitation and biblical literacy is the focus here.

CHRISTIAN STUDIES I-IV

Biblical literacy is of the utmost importance to a truly classical Christian education. This session attempts to explain that emphasis in the MP curriculum. Grades 3-7 guide students through a study of Genesis to Revelation twice. This session will explore and explain the design of the Memoria Press Christian Studies program and how to use it.

CHURCH HISTORY, AUGUSTINE, CHESTERTON, & LEWIS

The MP Christian Studies curriculum culminates in high school with a thorough study of church history and a thoughtful meditation on the words and ideas of some of the faith's most influential thinkers. This session is designed to help parents implement a robust high school Christian Studies program.

REFLECTING ON THE DAILY DISCIPLINE OF DEVOTIONS

As homeschoolers, what one thing has the greatest positive impact on your day? What holds things together for you? A good breakfast? An established routine? This session will explore the importance of beginning your day with quiet meditation on God's Word.

NATURE STUDIES

The third through seventh grade science curriculum is primarily concerned with communicating the notion that science is based on observation. This session will provide an explanation of why MP focuses on nature studies in the grammar school years and model lessons to help parents implement these studies in their homeschooling journey.

SCIENCE IN THE UPPER SCHOOL

This session will focus on the classical approach to the sciences offered by Novare, which Memoria Press uses in upper school. We will also present the newly released Modern Biology program with brief explanations of how to implement a classical science curriculum in the home.

SCIENCE: THE BIG PICTURE

Instead of viewing science through the modern lens of deconstruction, the classical educator sees science first as an experience of nature. We must begin with the "big picture" of God's beautiful order, and only once this

has been contemplated can we begin the process of exploring science at the cellular or molecular level.

TOP 10 MYTHS ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING MATH

Most homeschooling parents feel uneasy when planning math courses for their children. "We learned math a long time ago" or "We learned it a different way" or maybe you did not learn it at all. How can you know if the methods used will achieve the desired results in our students? In this workshop, Tom Clark, founder of VideoText Interactive and author of "Algebra: A Complete Course" and "Geometry: A Complete Course" will expose ten common myths about teaching math and then counter those myths with solid, practical help for parents. You will also leave with a checklist of items that can be used to determine the best math course for your students.

MEMORIA PRESS ONLINE ACADEMY

Do you have a child enrolled in the Memoria Press Online Academy for the first time this fall? Have you wondered about it but just aren't sure? Join MPOA Director Scott Piland as he gives you an overview of the Online Academy and answers questions about placement, homework, balancing homeschool and class time, and more.

TRANSCRIPTS AND RECORD KEEPING

Join us for a discussion on the best strategies for accurately keeping track of grades, transcripts, and student records in anticipation for college and beyond. This session is primarily designed for parents of older students, but all are welcome to join the conversation as the process of maintaining records can be overwhelming.

GEOGRAPHY I-III

The Memoria Press geography program is unique in a number of ways. This session will serve to highlight the value in the design of the geography curriculum as well as how families can get maximum impact from it. *Geography I, II, and III* will be of primary focus.

AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Memoria Press favors an approach to the study of American history that places an emphasis on an examination of the civilizations of Greece and Rome prior to a formal study of the history of the United States. However, there is an invitation during grades 3-6 to immerse your student in the lives and culture of those who contributed to the formation of America. This session will explore the American history supplements, both how to use them and why we wait for a study of formal American history.

UPPER SCHOOL AMERICAN & EUROPEAN HISTORY

With the transition into upper school comes a transition into a more formal study of modern history. This session will introduce and examine the curriculum used in grades 7-12 including *The Story of the Thirteen Colonies and the Great Republic*, *A Concise History of the American Republic*, and *A History of Europe in the Modern World*.