



New School Year

Legacy Academy is gearing up for a new school year. We are excited that this will be the school's fifth year of operation. Classes are now offered up to fifth grade. We plan to add an additional grade each year. Renovations are underway at Legacy in order to prepare for the new year. The second floor of the grammar building is being completely remodeled in order to house first through fifth grade classes. Pre-k and kindergarten

are moving to the first floor in the grammar building. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered for the demolition part of the project. Volunteers are still needed to help paint, assemble furniture, and move classroom items to their new location.

Workers are also needed to help work the information booth at the Sevier County Fair on August 21-25. If you would like to help with either of these projects please call the office at 870.642.8937 and speak to Ms. Fisk.

Why Latin Continued...

In the previous newsletter we discussed three reasons why studying Latin is beneficial. In this issue we are going to look at seven more reasons why teachers at Legacy Academy are teaching their students Latin. To refresh your memory here is a recap of reasons 1-3:

1. This is the time for language patterns.

2. More than half of English words come from the Latin language.

3. Latin provides the root words for all modern science.

4. It is the language of law, government, logic, and theology.

Ancient Romans excelled in the practice of law and government. All of the legal

iPads in the Classroom

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All fifth grade students will be issued an iPad for use in the upcoming school year.

Students will have access to several child friendly books on their grade level including classical titles like *Tom Sawyer* and *Heidi*. All iPads will come loaded with teacher approved apps to help students master concepts after instruction.

Apps are included for math, grammar, spelling, reading, geography, history, and science. All teachers are excited to implement this new technology into their classrooms.

terms were in their language, Latin. Their system worked so well that we as Americans have based our legal system and political language on theirs. Logic was developed and systematized by scholars in the Middle Ages in their common language, Latin.

Many words from the Bible were originally written in Greek then later filtered through Latin. Interestingly, everything from ancient times was filtered through Latin.

5. Efficient way to learn English grammar.

Latin is completely foreign to students. In order to learn it they have to break it down. This results in a deeper understanding. They can then turn around and use what they have learned from Latin usage and apply it to English grammar. Now English grammar is easier for them to master.

6. It is the best preparation for learning any language.

Once you understand how the Latin language works it is simple to learn any language. Those easiest to learn being Spanish, French, and Italian.

7. Effectively mind training.

Students who study Latin begin to take on the qualities of Latin: logic, order, discipline, structure. In order to learn Latin you must pay attention to detail, accuracy, patience, precision, and thorough work. In addition, students who study Latin excel in other academic subjects.

8. Aids the mind.

Latin is a subject where everything is naturally integrated. There are many connections there for you to discover and relate to previous knowledge. Latin is the only subject that connects to every other subject.

9. It is transformative.

Latin is a subject that builds year after year. Basic noun and verb endings are established then more

advanced skills are added each year resulting in a deeper understanding. It is crucial that everything learned in Latin be remembered. This helps to provide a mental discipline and structure.

10. Latin is the language of Western Civilization.

Latin was the original language of Western Civilization. In this language Romans summarized the discoveries of the Greeks and Hebrews and passed it down to us. Latin is without a doubt the most influential language on earth. Everyday it is used in science, law, and theology. Five Romance languages, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Romanian come from Latin. Even many English words are derived from Latin. By studying Latin your child's vocabulary will expand and he will be able to define words with Latin roots.

The price of lunch is included in your child's tuition. In order to conserve costs and food please go to www.legacyacademyonline.com and select which days your child will be eating under the menu tab. You may also circle the days on your child's lunch menu and return to the office. Please do so by the 20th of the previous month.

Pre-K

Pre-k at Legacy Academy is more than playtime. Students at this level are learning many skills that will prepare them for kindergarten. Through the *Sing, Spell, Read, Write* program students identify and write upper and lower case letters. Students learn to spell and write their name. They are also able to identify the letter's most commonly used sounds. By the end of the year students are able to decode simple three letter

words. By using *Saxon Math* students learn to recognize and write numbers 1-10. They are able to count aloud to 31. Students can identify objects as same and different and identify position. They learn how to sort objects by shape, color, and size then arrange into patterns. Before leaving pre-k students can identify basic shapes and recall the days of week and months of year.



2012 Pre-k students Zachary and Ozzy getting ready to count candles for birthday cakes •

Recruiting



As Legacy Academy is expanding, don't forget to tell your friends about this great educational opportunity for their children. We offer small classes with a low student to teacher ratio allowing teachers to spend more time assuring educational concepts are mastered. Teachers at Legacy perform chants, songs, soundoffs, and hands on activities to promote learning. Scholarships are offered for financial help in the amounts of 10%-100%. Information packets are available in the office.

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2012-2013 School Calendar

August

15th Registration Deadline/Curriculum Fee due for
2012-2013

27th Teacher's First Day of School

30th Meet the Teacher 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

September

4th Student's First Day of School

October

23rd Ugly Duckling Play and Agri Center Field Trip

23rd Parent Meeting (6:00 PM)

26th End of 1st Quarter

November

2nd Report Cards

9th Folk Festival at Beaver's Bend Field Trip

12th Veteran's Breakfast (8:00 AM)

16th Thanksgiving Day Celebration (Dismissal @ 1pm)

19th – 23rd Thanksgiving Recess

December

1st De Queen Christmas Parade

21st Caroling at Nursing Home

21th End of 2nd Quarter

24th- **January** 4th Christmas and
New Year's Day Recess

January

7th Return to School

11th Report Cards

16th Texarkana Symphony Field Trip (2-5)

21st In Service (No School)

February

12th 100th Day of School Party

15th – 18th President's Day Recess

March

1st Dr. Seuss Breakfast (7:30AM)

8th End of Third Quarter

15th Report Cards

18th – 22nd Spring Recess

29th Good Friday

April

2nd Parent Meeting (6:00 PM)

11th Bernstein Bears Field Trip (PreK-1)
Little Rock Field Trip (2-5)

22nd Earth Day Afternoon at the Park

May

7th Open House

10th Field/Water Day

10th End of 4th Quarter

17th Last Day of School (Awards Ceremony and
Promotion Ceremony @ 10 am)

24th Report Cards