

Academic Readiness: Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grade

We are thankful that your student will be joining us at Sequitur in the fall! In the Upper Grammar School grades, your student will delve into more substantial learning while delighting in new discoveries. Our goal in creating Academic Readiness documents is to help your child enjoy a simple, peaceful, and productive transition to Sequitur. Everything noted below is a habit or skill we will develop throughout the year, but some summer preparation is necessary to ensure your child's comfort in our program.

Art of Letters Preparation: As part of admission testing, we will assess your student's preparation for smooth entry into Sequitur's spelling, handwriting, grammar, and composition sequences and recommend any summer work necessary. If a student begins the school year unprepared, especially in handwriting, the teacher will give guidance and further work to be done at home.

Reading: Reading quality literature is the very best academic preparation you can offer your child. Click [here](#) to view excellent book lists from another classical Christian school. Your student's [Summer Reading List](#) is a great place to start!

Habits: The habits listed below will serve your child well as our year together begins. We find that the best way to reinforce these skills is to gently teach them and then praise your child for remembering them.

- Eye contact: Students should make eye contact with adults and peers when talking or listening.
- Obedience: Obeying "quickly, cheerfully, and completely" is emphasized daily with all Grammar School students.
- Responding well: When an adult says your child's name, he or she should stop what they are doing, make eye contact with the adult, and respond politely with "Yes ma'am," etc.
- Complete sentences: Model answering in complete sentences for your child. When your child answers a question with a word or phrase, repeat it back in a complete sentence.
- Minimize screen time: We encourage lots of outside play and little to no screen time.
- Regular bedtime: A regular early bedtime routine will lead to a happier student once classes begin.

We are happy to help prepare your student to be part of the Sequitur community, and we are always available to help you with any questions or concerns..