

River's Edge

A Living Education Community

Beginning Considerations

Does this fit into my schedule? Can this be a restful and nourishing addition to your year? We are looking for families who will joyfully make the time for this community and who will make it a priority. We ask that students are not involved in another full-time learning community outside of River's Edge for continuity sake (eg. Classical Conversations, etc.). Ultimately, this effort is intended for those pursuing Charlotte Mason's philosophy in their homes to have a place to learn cooperatively.

Will I be willing to put in the time to teach? Every parent will take a different duty and/or subject to be determined after preferences are considered. This will include agreeing to study and use the Charlotte Mason methods in your area of teaching. We will have resources to share and group opportunities to further our education.

Am I willing to invest in all the children? Relationships are key with a living education. Since this co-op will truly be "for the children's sake" we are asking that you consider and invest in all of the children participating.

Am I willing to participate in ongoing study? As we want to be certain not to get stuck in a rut, each of us should continue to grow and learn more about Charlotte Mason's philosophy of education. This will keep the fresh impulse of learning alive. We plan to have more than one community study option available.

Do I understand what is expected of me and my students? There may be assignments between meetings, minimal for youngers with more expected as they move up the forms. Everyone must complete these at home so that each child is prepared for the following meeting. This shows respect to the teacher as well as the student. Also, each teacher must come prepared to teach their subject.

Is your child ready? Children should be able to sit and pay attention during class time and be respectful to adults. They may be called upon to narrate in class. Not all school aged children are ready for this group.

This group is intentionally small and may not be open to new participants.