

Educating Our Children As We Educate Ourselves

Learning for a Lifetime
In the Classical Tradition

1. Turn away from the
classroom; turn towards reading

2. Accept that reading is a difficult skill to master

3. Understand that reading is a three-level process

“Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.” --Francis Bacon

- A. The “grammar stage” of reading: grasp and understand
- B. The “logic stage” of reading: evaluated for logic and truth
- C. The “rhetoric stage” of reading: form opinion

4. Read chronologically in a single genre: fiction, poetry, drama, history, autobiography

5. Make a space for self-education

Morning is better than evening.

Start short.

Don't schedule study every day of the week.

Never check your email first!

Guard your reading time

6. Forget about speed

Gathering data vs. reading

Information vs. enlightenment