

Christ Classical Academy *Magnus Lector* Reading Program

Magnus Lector for the Logic School Grades 6-8

Philosophy - Why Magnus Lector?

The human soul longs for beauty. The aim of CCA's Magnus Lector or "Good Reader" program is to provide our students with a feast of true, good, and beautiful stories through the whole course of their education at our academy. Just as good, nutritious food is necessary for the body to grow, so too, are good books necessary for the growth of the mind.

Practice - How does Magnus Lector work in Logic School?

Part One: Literary Cultivation

Students select and read a minimum of one *great book* per quarter. Students will prepare a 4 by 6-inch note card with the title, author, genre, characters, and setting on one side, and a one-paragraph summary of their book on the other. The two main goals of this exercise are to help students organize their thoughts and to then present them in a clear and concise manner.

Part Two: Literary Appreciation

During the class Magnus Lector celebration, students give an overview of their book with a view to persuade their fellow classmates to continue reading and sharing great books. Students are encouraged to be creative in their presentations, and this has resulted in them sculpting, sketching, painting, baking, bottling, and composing, to name a few. The goal of this exercise is to cultivate a love of reading in the Logic School that influences positive and encouraging conversations and activities.