The Program
This two-hour, afternoon class is designed to prepare fourth- through sixth-grade students for the Challenge program. This power-packed course is the perfect complement to our Foundations program, but any family may participate. Language structure and analysis, writing structure and style, and arithmetic speed and accuracy are the essential components of this popular 24-week program.

The Essentials of the English Language program (EEL) is a complete language arts program that takes students beyond the worksheet. Mixing strategic memorization of vocabulary, rules, and lists with a series of analytical tasks, EEL teaches students how to thoughtfully analyze sentence construction. The result is strong language construction and usage skills—both written and oral.

EEL Analytical Tasks and Confirmations:
1) Grammar and Recitation
2) Sentence Confirmation
3) Question Confirmation
4) Diagramming Confirmation
5) Modification Confirmation
6) Quid et Quo Confirmation

The Community
Continuing to capitalize on the “community dynamic,” students present writing assignments and enjoy games, drills, and team-building mini-competitions that strengthen the essential language and arithmetic skills. Students emerge confident to tackle higher language and math courses when these simple, yet often neglected, skills are mastered.

The Classical Model
Classical Education trains students to learn any information through a three-step process:
1) Memorize vocabulary and rules (grammar)
2) Process new concepts (dialectic or logic)
3) Clearly, persuasively, and logically use grammar knowledge to influence others (rhetoric)

—Leigh Bortins
Echo in Celebration: A Call to Home-Centered Education

The Partnership
Students and their parents meet for two hours each week after Foundations. A trained tutor facilitates class time, but like Foundations, parents also participate with their children.

“... a good education teaches a child how to build a [place in] the mind for every subject. You not only feed children information to [retain], but help the students see ways to organize the information for quick retrieval. ... When the organizational system is mastered, which means quickly accessible and confidently retrieved, the information becomes very useful and can be dialectically synthesized into any new idea.”

—Leigh Bortins
In Class… Essentials of the English Language Lesson Overview (45 minutes)

At Home… Essentials of the English Language Weekly Lesson

Students Will Learn… Basic capitalization and punctuation; phonograms; sentence structures, patterns, and purposes; eight parts of speech plus specific classifications for verbs, nouns, pronouns, sentence diagramming; and more!

Language Arts

Writing

IEW Unit Overview (45 minutes)

IEW’s History-Based Writing Lessons Assignment

Different writing structures using IEW writing models, as well as techniques to polish any writing style.

Math

Drills from Mega-Fun Card-Game Math

Math Curriculum of Choice

Greater speed and accuracy in mental arithmetic as students prepare for success in algebra and beyond.

To find an Essentials Community near you, to start an Essentials Community, or to learn more about participation costs, visit our website and click on the map. For resources and materials needed to participate in our Essentials Community, visit our online bookstore.

Also available for more practice: Classical Conversations Trivium Tables for English Grammar and Quid et Quo are laminated, foldable, reusable resources for your student to practice analytical task exercises in the language portion of EEL. Order yours from our online bookstore.