



Launching Your Classical Classroom with Kim Warman

Lecture 1: Introduction

Outline:

In this lesson, Kim Warman introduces the heart of her video series by recounting her own challenging first-year teaching experience and outlining the major topics the series will cover. She aims to prepare new classical educators for a successful, orderly, and thoughtful launch into their teaching vocation.

“Purposeful planning leads to intentional rest.”

From Overwhelm to Orientation

- Kim Warman recounts her first teaching job—receiving minimal training, no mentor, and a desk full of Post-it notes.
- Despite her classical training and degree, she faced serious confusion and isolation.
- She eventually found stability and support through an informal mentorship with a fellow teacher.
- This story serves as the context for the video series: to offer the support and clarity she lacked.

Vision for the Series

- The course is designed to help new teachers launch with intention and confidence.
- The emphasis is on long-term preparation and forming sustainable habits in the first year.
- Topics covered will move from classroom setup and routines to discipline, curriculum, and parent partnership.
- The goal: help new teachers avoid burnout and establish restful rhythms from the start.

Ten Core Sessions of the Series

- Session 1 – Introduction and personal story.
- Session 2 – “From Chaos to Calm”: Intentional Classroom Setup.



- Session 3 – Creating routines and expectations.
- Session 4 – “Habits of the Heart”: moving beyond rewards and punishment toward virtue training.
- Session 5 – Responding to common challenges: students with learning needs or gaps.
- Session 6 – Being a faithful employee and steward of classical principles.
- Session 7 – Understanding your curriculum and how to break it down.
- Session 8 – Planning lessons that last without causing burnout.
- Session 9 – Best practices for parent partnership.
- Session 10 – Lifelong learning and embracing ongoing growth as a teacher.

Immediate Steps for New Teachers

- Learn your school’s mission—know it, internalize it, return to it in hard moments.
- Ask for a mentor—don’t assume you’ll be guided; seek out someone wise and willing.
- Start planning now—lay out your classroom, organize your materials, and think through how you want your year to feel.