



Hello, Newberg Friends Church,

We at Ambleside of the Willamette Valley are excited to be in conversation with your leadership regarding our desire to build community and relationships within Newberg through Christian education. Our approach and vision of education is one that we call a “living education” based on five core principles.

- The knowledge of God is the starting point for all knowledge, and the chief end of all education.
- Children are persons created by God in God’s image, and thus have infinite ability.
- Education is an atmosphere that needs to be shaped and specifically molded to create a pristine environment where excellent learning can occur.
- Education is a learned discipline and can be taught. This is learned through mastering our bodies, mastering our tongue, and mastering our attitudes as we approach the work God has given us.
- Education is a lifelong process and never ends, just as God does not end.

#### OUR MISSION

Ambleside of the Willamette Valley exists to serve and equip a local community of students and parents, teachers, and schools; seeking to provide what British educator Charlotte Mason (1842-1923) called a “living education.” A living education empowers students to author lives that are full and free, rich in relationship to God, self, others, ideas, work, and creation. It puts a primacy on character formation and not merely information, providing the tools needed to live well in all aspects of life, spiritual and intellectual, personal and professional, present and future.

Here is a quote from a recent experience someone had with our students and how the curriculum helps teach life skills as well as educational knowledge:

“I was very impressed with how the group of students treated each other with kindness and respect. The children were very engaged, curious, and interested in learning. I was excited that even the young students, who were in kindergarten and first grade, grasped the concepts of Epiphytes and Scientific Nomenclature. What made this group of students remarkable was how they said goodbye. At the end of the tour the class lined up and shook my hand. Each student looked me in the eye and thanked me for something they had learned or enjoyed during the tour. Not only did most of the children provide a firm handshake, but they used eye contact and their comments were original and thoughtful. I was truly amazed and their gesture left an enduring impact on me. I know grown adults who struggle with eye contact and gratitude, so having this exchange with young primary school students was incredible!” — Eric Mitchell, Hoyt Arboretum

More information on Ambleside of Willamette Valley can be found [HERE](#); to watch videos on the approach to learning and curriculum, click [HERE](#).

Sincerely, Chad Krober, MBA – founder and chairman of the board