



LAFAYETTE ACADEMY

— A CLASSICAL SCHOOL —

FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

In **Literacy** Lafayette students will:

- graphically organize spelling words as they continue to learn to write
- read texts at increasing levels of difficulty
- learn the parts of speech
- practice oral and written sentence composition

In **Literature** Lafayette students will:

- read and recite short poems
- hear fairy tales and fables from around the world
- learn basic literary terms such as characters, heroes, heroines, theater, stage, etc.
- read "The Magician's Nephew" by C.S. Lewis

In **History & Geography** Lafayette students will:

- become familiar with historical and geographic terms such as civilization, artifact, coast, and island
- identify the oceans, continents, the hemispheres, and the poles
- study an overview of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
- learn about the ancient Near-East civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt
- study the early American civilizations of the Maya, Aztec, and Inca
- learn about early explorers from Columbus to Lewis & Clark
- study Colonial America and the Revolutionary War
- create notebooks to graphically organize content and build early note-taking skills

In **Level 1 Math** Lafayette students will:

- add and subtract tens and ones, and count by tens and ones to 100
- identify the basic geometric shapes
- understand the basics of fractions, working with halves and fourths
- learn how to count money and make change

In **Science** Lafayette students will:

- study the properties of matter: solid, liquid, gas
- understand the interdependence between living things and their environment
- study the various systems of the human body: skeletal, muscular, etc.
- learn the names of the heavenly bodies in our solar system

In **Art** Lafayette students will:

- recognize famous portraits like the Mona Lisa and Van Gogh's self-portrait
- study and identify the major works of art and architecture in ancient Egypt
- draw, sketch, and paint simple still lifes and human faces

In **Music** Lafayette students will:

- explore making music through singing and using instruments
- learn and use basic notation such as quarter notes and eighth notes
- experience the stories of Mozart's operas and Tchaikovsky's ballets
- listen to and learn American styles of music like Jazz and Bluegrass



LITERATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Books

Pinocchio
The Pied Piper of Hamelin
The Indian Cinderella
Winnie-The-Pooh
Beatrix Potter

Poems

"Hope" by Langston Hughes
"My Shadow" by Robert Louis Stevenson
"Thanksgiving Day" by Lydia Maria Child
"The Swing" by Robert Louis Stevenson
"Washington" by Nancy Byrd Turner
"Wynken, Blynken, and Nod" by Eugene Field

Folklore, Fables, & Fairy Tales

The Noisy Crowded House
The Boy Who Cried Wolf
The Dog in the Manger
The Fox and the Grapes
The Frog Prince
Hansel and Gretel
Issun Boshi

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

Curriculum Day(s)

Ancient Egypt
Revolutionary War