



# LAFAYETTE ACADEMY

— A CLASSICAL SCHOOL —

## KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### In **Literacy** Lafayette students will:

- begin formal reading instruction with explicit, systematic phonics
- recognize all capital and lowercase letters and sounds
- begin formal spelling and handwriting instruction
- blend letter sounds to read simple words and sentences

### In **Literature** Lafayette students will read or listen to:

- Mother Goose poems such as “Humpty Dumpty” and “Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary”
- serialized stories like the Winnie-The-Pooh and Beatrix Potter tales
- Aesop’s fables such as “The Lion and the Mouse” and “The Tortoise and the Hare”
- American folk tales such as the stories of Davy Crockett and Johnny Appleseed

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

- identify and locate the seven continents on maps and globes
- study the history of North American tribes and early American explorers
- learn about American symbols such as the bald eagle, Statue of Liberty, and American flag
- study American presidents from past and present, including those on Mount Rushmore

### In **Kindergarten Math** Lafayette students will:

- count to 100 and write numbers 1-100
- learn to tell time by an analogue clock
- begin their study of adding and subtracting
- be introduced to money and recognize the value of all American coins

### In **Science** Lafayette students will:

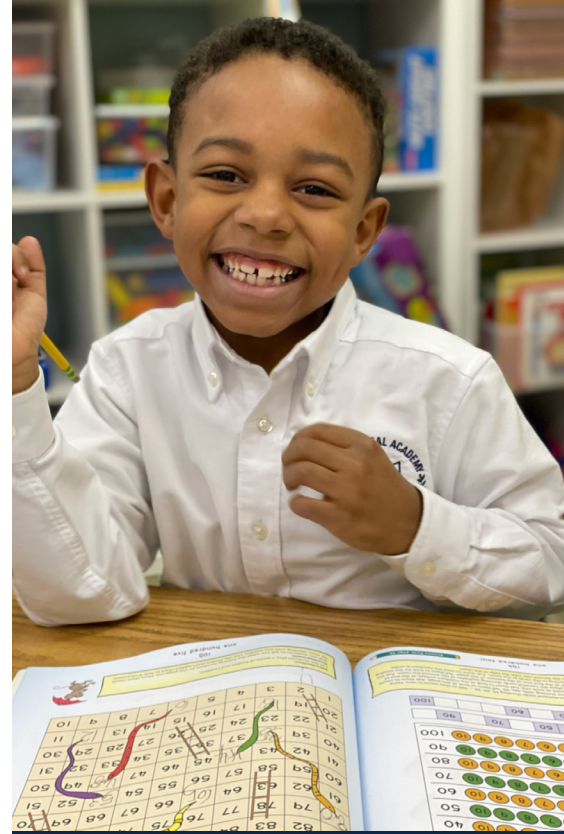
- study the basic parts of a plant: seed, root, stem, branch, leaf
- observe and describe seasons and weather: clouds, rain, thunder, hail, snow, etc.
- learn about the five senses and associated body parts
- recognize the importance of taking care of the environment

### In **Art** Lafayette students will:

- draw with the seven elements of art: line, color, shape, value, space, texture
- study great works of art by artists such as Bruegel, Matisse, Picasso, Gauguin et al.
- observe and experiment with how colors create different feelings

### In **Music** Lafayette students will:

- become familiar with the basic elements of music: rhythm, melody, and harmony
- while matching pitch, sing both accompanied and unaccompanied
- recognize common classical instruments by sight and sound
- learn and sing traditional nursery rhymes and folk songs



## LITERATURE HIGHLIGHTS

### Books

The Complete Tale of Winnie-The-Pooh  
Beatrix Potter: The Complete Tales  
Mother Goose Poems  
The 4th of July Story  
The Story of the Statue of Liberty

### Poems

“April Rain Song” by Langston Hughes  
“Early to Bed “ by Benjamin Franklin  
“Rain” by Robert Louis Stevenson  
“Tommy” by Gwendolyn Brooks  
“Three Little Kittens” by Dorothy Aldis

### Folklore, Fables, & Fairy Tales

Little Red Riding Hood  
The Three Billy Goats Gruff  
Cinderella  
The Velveteen Rabbit  
The Ugly Duckling  
The Bremen Town Musicians  
King Midas and the Golden Touch