



# LAFAYETTE ACADEMY

— A CLASSICAL SCHOOL —

## SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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

- build strong reading comprehension and decoding skills
- have daily multi sensory spelling lessons
- graphically organize spelling words in an orthography notebook
- study sentence patterns and practice writing sentences
- continue building a solid foundation in grammar through daily spelling instruction
- continue to diagram sentences
- develop composition skills
- learn to write cursive

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

- classic children's novels such as *Charlotte's Web*, *Peter Pan*, and *Little House on the Prairie*
- fairy tales, including *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Emperor's New Clothes*
- Greek myths including *Orpheus and Eurydice* and *The Labors of Heracles*
- American tales about folk heroes such as *John Henry* and *Davy Crockett*

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

- build a notebook to graphically organize history lessons
- study the geography of the Americas
- study Ancient Greece and examine the contributions of Greek philosophy and politics
- identify and discuss the contributions of James Madison and Alexander Hamilton at the Constitutional Conventions
- describe the causes and effects of the War of 1812
- create an outline of pivotal moments of the Civil War
- describe the contributions of Clara Barton and Harriet Tubman to the Civil War
- identify causes and effects of Westward Expansion

### In **Level 2 Math** Lafayette students will:

- measure lengths in centimeters and inches, and weights in grams and ounces
- identify shapes and patterns such as polygons, semicircles, and curves
- add and subtract, multiply and divide
- compare and order fractions

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

- identify the distinguishing parts of insects: head, thorax, abdomen, legs, wings
- understand the metamorphosis cycles of various insects such as butterflies
- examine how simple machines—lever, pulley, wheel-and-axle—make work easier
- study the human digestive and excretory systems and healthy diets

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

- study and recognize famous landscape paintings such as *The Oxbow* and *Virgin Forest*
- become familiar with famous works of Ancient Greek art and architecture
- apply what they learn about the elements of art by creating their own studio art

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

- listen to and appreciate the famous works of Vivaldi, Handel, and Bach
- learn the instruments of the Symphony-Orchestra by sight and sound
- participate in singing solo and as a choir, both with accompaniment and without
- learn a repertoire of American folk music and their historical context



## LITERATURE HIGHLIGHTS

### Classic Novels

*Charlotte's Web*  
*Peter Pan*  
*Little House on the Prairie*  
*D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*

### Poems

"The Duel" by Eugene Field  
"A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore  
"Harriet Tubman" by Eloise Greenfield  
"Smart" by Shel Silverstein  
"Seashell" by Federico Garcia Lorca

### Folklore, Fables, & Fairy Tales

*Beauty and the Beast*  
*The Emperor's New Clothes*  
*How the Camel Got Its Hump*  
*Orpheus and Eurydice*  
*The Labors of Heracles*  
*Davy Crockett*  
*John Henry*

## IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

### Curriculum Day(s)

Ancient China  
Pioneer Day