



LAFAYETTE ACADEMY

— A CLASSICAL SCHOOL —

THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

In **Grammar & Composition** Lafayette students will:

- write three types of paragraphs: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- learn the principal parts of a sentence through the use of sentence diagramming
- identify the parts of speech in a sentence: subject, verb, adverb, adjective, preposition, etc.
- learn to write using compound subjects, compound verbs, and compound direct objects

In **Literature** Lafayette students will read:

- novels such as *Black Beauty*, *Farmer Boy*, and *The Princess and the Goblin*
- stories from classic collections such as *The Arabian Nights* and *The Jungle Book*
- myths from D'Aulaires Book of Norse Myths such as *The Valkyries* and *Valhalla*
- myths from Ancient Greece and Rome such as *Jason and the Golden Fleece*

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

- the various types of geographic features: channel, delta, isthmus, plateau, strait, etc.
- Ancient Rome, its geography, its prosperity, its laws, as well as its decline and fall
- the Vikings, their culture, and their early travels to North America
- the native peoples of North America including the Pueblos, Apaches, Mohicans et al.
- the history and political systems of the Thirteen Colonies and related geography

In **Level 3 Math** Lafayette students will:

- apply their basic arithmetic (add, subtract, multiply, divide) skills to word problems
- solve mathematical problems using long division and fractions
- learn to read and use the data from pictographs, bar graphs, and tables
- find area and perimeter for basic geometric shapes such as rectangles

In **Science** Lafayette students will:

- be introduced to how scientists classify animals according to shared characteristics
- study the basics of astronomy focusing on sun, moon, stars, and solar system
- identify the various systems of the human body and describe their parts and functions
- observe the properties of light and sound and learn the basics of optics and acoustics

In **Art** Lafayette students will:

- study the art of native North America, Ancient Rome, and Byzantium
- observe how artists such as Caravaggio, Vermeer, and Hopper use light and shadow
- create their own artwork using the principles of light, shadow, and perspective

In **Music** Lafayette students will:

- participate regularly in singing as a group and solo
- sing/hum accurate melodies while listening to the music of Mozart, Rossini, Holst, and Wagner
- perform rhythms, improvised and written, with various percussion instruments
- identify the sections of a piece of music (form)



LITERATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Classic Novels

Black Beauty
Farmer Boy
The Princess & the Goblin

Poems

"April Rain Song" by Langston Hughes
"First Thanksgiving of All" by Nancy Byrd Turner
"Trees" by Joyce Kilmer
"Hiawatha's Childhood" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
"Jimmy Jet and His TV Set" by Shel Silverstein
"In Flanders Field" by Lt. Col. John McCrae
"Concord Hymn" by Ralph Waldo Emerson
"Father William" by Lewis Carroll
"The Crocodile" by Lewis Carroll
"Adventures of Isabel" by Ogden Nash

Classic Stories and Ancient Myths

The Arabian Nights
The Jungle Book
The Valkyries
Valhalla
Jason and the Golden Fleece

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

Field Trips

Curriculum Supporting Day Trips