



AMERICAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY

RUTHERFORD

## KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

**IN KINDERGARTEN LITERACY ESSENTIALS** our students will:

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

**IN KINDERGARTEN LITERATURE** our 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 KINDERGARTEN HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY** our students will:

- learn to read maps and understand basic geography like continents and oceans
- understand the importance of being a good citizen
- study the history of North American tribes and the early American explorers
- learn about the 4th of July, the American flag, and the presidents of Mount Rushmore

**IN KINDERGARTEN MATH** our 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 KINDERGARTEN SCIENCE** our 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 KINDERGARTEN ART** our 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 KINDERGARTEN MUSIC** our students will:

- become familiar with the basic elements of music: rhythm, melody, harmony, etc.
- sing unaccompanied, accompanied, and in unison
- recognize various types of musical instruments by sight and sound

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our students read:

Mother Goose Poems  
Aesop's Fables  
Winnie-the-Pooh stories  
Stories by Beatrix Potter  
American Folktales

### IN KINDERGARTEN

our students memorize:

"Baa, Baa, Black Sheep"  
"Humpty Dumpty"  
"Jack and Jill"  
"Ladybug, Ladybug"  
"Little Boy Blue"  
"Old King Cole"  
"One, Two, Buckle My Shoe"  
"Rock-a-bye, Baby"  
"Simple Simon"  
"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"  
The Preamble to the Constitution