



The Classical Way: Jacksonville Classical Academy's Pre-K Curriculum

A classical education provides young children with a strong and joyful beginning by nurturing both the mind and the heart. Rather than relying on electronic devices, students engage in rich language experiences, hands-on exploration, and thoughtful guidance that foster clear thinking, confident communication, and kindness toward others. This approach strengthens academic readiness while cultivating character, curiosity, and confidence — preparing children for lifelong learning and flourishing.

Literacy

- Develop phonemic awareness and early reading readiness
- Expand age-appropriate vocabulary through rich language exposure
- Strengthen alphabet knowledge and print awareness
- Foster emergent literacy and early writing skills
- Encourage confident communication and a love of language

Math

- Build foundational skills that prepare students for Singapore Math in later grades
- Develop number sense and early operations understanding
- Explore patterns, geometry, and spatial relationships
- Introduce measurement, data, and logical reasoning through hands-on learning

Science

- Cultivate natural curiosity through exploration and discovery
- Engage in hands-on investigations that deepen understanding
- Introduce life science, physical science, and environmental studies
- Encourage observation, questioning, and early scientific inquiry

History

- Help students understand the world and their place within it
- Explore cultures, communities, and elements of American history
- Learn about American symbols, landmarks, presidents, and public services
- Introduce civic ideals, shared spaces, and responsible participation in community life

Physical Development

- Promote balance, coordination, and endurance through active play
- Teach healthy habits and personal hygiene routines
- Encourage joyful movement through exercise and cooking activities
- Develop fine motor strength to support emergent writing skills
- Foster lifelong habits that support health and well-being

Approaches to Learning

- Encourage curiosity, engagement, and persistence
- Develop problem-solving and independent thinking skills
- Support positive responses to new environments and experiences
- Nurture a genuine love of learning and school

Social and Emotional Development

- Guide students in recognizing and expressing emotions appropriately
- Cultivate empathy, cooperation, and respectful relationships
- Build confidence and self-awareness through virtue-based instruction
- Support the development of strong character and meaningful friendships

Creative Expression Through the Arts

- Encourage creativity and joyful self-expression
- Explore art, sensory experiences, imaginative play, and music
- Introduce classical music through listening and exploration
- Foster appreciation for beauty, creativity, and the work of others