



Ye Old School

A Former Oak Knoll School

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One-Room Schoolhouse

An authentic 1917 one-room schoolhouse hosts children for a day in the life of a pioneer student, where they will experience dip pens, slates, schoolmarms and connected desks. Students dress in 1920's era garments.

Cedar Community hosts this step back in time experience, immersing the children in our nation's history. "Who's the president of the United States?" Anyone naming a president since Woodrow Wilson is met with a confused, "Who's that?!" Students receive lessons on the 'three Rs' using authentic 1920s curricula and tools.

It is the perfect setting for intergenerational learning.



Class Trips



- Located 5505 County Z, West Bend, WI - 39 miles north of Milwaukee
- Fees: Student \$7.50 Adult \$5.00 Teacher: Free
- Programs are particularly suitable for grade-school children (grades 1-5), but all are welcome.
- Groups up to 34 people are scheduled by appointment, year 'round.
- For details, contact Barbara Hoel or Barbara Zvoloski at 262.338.4625 or yos@cedarcommunity.org



Curriculum & Instruction



- The one-room schoolhouse "pupils" sit in authentic wooden desks and participate in spelling bees, recitations, map skills, a scavenger hunt, or maybe they will work arithmetic problems on slate. They often play historic games at recess.
- The purpose is to have students compare and contrast today's classroom with that of a one-room schoolhouse. It provides students with an appreciation and understanding of rural school heritage.



Instruction Continued



- Scenario 1: Large Group

Students would experience a full school day just like a pioneer student.

A typical visit runs about 5 hours. The program includes a "School Day" at the Ye Olde School and a visit to the Heritage House to learn more about home life for families.

1. What games were played at recess?
2. What did students eat for lunch?
3. How did schoolmarm discipline?
4. What were special rules?
5. What kind of clothing did students wear?



- Scenario 2: Small Group & Parent Chaperones

Shorter visits have a modified curriculum, and usually do not include a visit to the Heritage House

Wisconsin Academic Standards for Social Studies:

Geography: A.4.4

History: B.4.1, B.4.3,

Citizenship: C.4.1., C.4.3, C.4.6

Behavioral Science: E.4.2, E.4.5, E.4.4.8, E.4.16



Preparing Students



- Students would learn about "Pioneer Life" as a unit prior to this experience. Read *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingles Wilder.

Students will be encouraged to dress the part:

Lunch: in a can / pail covered with a scrap of cloth

Beef jerky, cheese sandwich, hard boiled egg, pickle, muffin, corn bread, etc.

Books: wrapped in a leather strap



Dress:

Boys	Girls
Knickers, suspenders, bib overalls, bow tie, bandana, flannel, twine belt	Long skirts or dresses, petticoats, aprons, pinafores, bonnets

Accessibility

- Wheelchair accessible – high desks for students in a wheelchair
- Lessons are already modified – On site teacher said that special ed. students do better in the environment.



There's so much to do...

Each student assumes the role of a past student at the school. They are given a card with student stats and play the role all day.

- Be the teachers pet
- Wear the dunce cap
- Pump your own water
- Build a fire
- Receive a certificate of attendance
- Get a class picture
- Purchase licorice, or rock candy from the gift shop

