

Comments from previous participants



Learning as students did in the 19th century, the students listen to a story and recall information from McGuffey's Readers, participate in a spelling bee, identify common classroom items from that era, play on stilts, and write with chalk on slates. Students are mesmerized by tales of life in earlier times, and they note the differences between a rural one room school of yesteryear and their 21st century classrooms. The one-room schoolhouse brings history to life for children and gives them an experience, not just a lecture. They get to touch, taste, smell, and feel a part of history. The experience can give them a new appreciation for the "luxuries" of life we now enjoy every day.

Michelle Kleimnagen, Fourth Grade Teacher Barneveld School District

A day at the Mount Horeb School House allows our fourth graders to experience firsthand what it was like to be a student over 100 years ago. The students are able to make connections with what they have already learned in the classroom by participating in hands-on experiences. Our students loved the experience so much they were talking about it for days!

Jacque Fredrickson, Fourth Grade Teacher Mt. Horeb Area School District

Mt. Horeb Landmarks Foundation's **District One School house**



1893 School Day

Half and Full Day Experiences for Children

Programs

School Days* - This half-day program is tailored for fourth graders from area schools. Students experience what school was like for children in the 1890's. Classes include lessons in proverbs, math, history and geography. There are also "special" activities such as recess, a cultural-awareness experience, and a spelling bee. Unexpected "guests" will add to the experience!

Home Life* - This half-day program is highly interactive and hands-on. Students will learn what home life was like before and after school. Using authentic tools, students will participate in the 'chores' of this era, as well as partake in games and family activities.

School Districts may opt to attend a half-day or full-day program.

*Activities are subject to change based on weather and volunteer staffing.

You are encouraged to ask the children

- Dress in period costume
- Bring a lunch in a pail or basket

Cost

\$3.00 per student for half-day program

\$5.00 per student for a full-day program

Scholarships are available upon request.

Payment should be made by check or cash only.

Highlights

School Days

- Sitting in an authentic 1890's desk
- Writing with a slate pencil on a slate board
- Going to the recitation bench to recite math facts
- Reviewing Wisconsin history and map skills with some limited experience using an authentic map and pointer
- Experience the use of the McGuffey's Reader
- Using chalk and writing on an actual slate wall board
- Participating in lessons specifically designed from research conducted about the time period
- Standing up to respond to a question
- Reciting the Pledge of the Allegiance from that time period
- Eating a picnic lunch on the school grounds

Home Life

- Darning a sock using a darning egg
- Ironing clothes using a sad iron
- Drilling with a bit-and-brace drill
- Beating a rug with a rug swatter
- Washing clothes with a washboard
- Hanging clothes on a clothesline
- Shelling and grinding corn using a sheller and grinder
- Making rope
- "Gathering eggs"
- Playing 1890's children games

