PRINCEVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM

AKRON TOWNHOUSE EXPERIENCE

A 4th Grade Field Trip Guide Prepared by PHM

About the AKRON TOWNHOUSE SCHOOL

Give your students the opportunity to experience what school was like over 100 years ago at the Akron Townhouse School. Guided by retired teachers and volunteers, students take part in a recreated school day just like rural students once did.

The Akron Townhouse School first opened its doors in 1900, educating children from surrounding farm families for the next 58 years. After the school closed, the building fell into disrepair.

In 2003, a group of dedicated volunteers began working to preserve the building. The schoolhouse was moved to its current location in 2004, and over the next three years volunteers carefully restored the building to reflect its original appearance. Today the schoolhouse still features portions of its original wood flooring along with many period furnishings.

More than a century after the school first welcomed its students, the Akron Townhouse School now helps a new generation experience what education was like in a one-room country school.

Field trips can be scheduled for morning or afternoon sessions and are available September through November and March through May.

For more information or to schedule a field trip, call the museum at (309) 385-1916 or email phmdirector@gmail.com.

The CURRICULUM

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

READING
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Retention

ARITHMETIC
- Real-world applications
- Order of operations

HANDWRITING
- Correct formation of uppercase and lowercase cursive letters

This program begins inside the Princeville Heritage Museum's log cabin display. Students will hear an introduction about life in the 1900s as a rural student attending a one-room school.

Following a short walk over to the schoolhouse students are greeted by their teacher for the day. The teacher welcomes students into the schoolhouse and begins their lesson with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Students are guided through a series of short lessons on language arts, arithmetic, handwriting, and spelling.

After the lessons students are encouraged to ask their teacher questions about one-room schoolhouses and begin a discussion about daily life 120 years ago.

If time remains after the discussion, students are allowed to visit the outhouse and play a quick game of tug-o-war before dismissal.

4th

Ideal for fourth grade classes

This program includes time outside. Schedule in September-November or March-May

2.5

2.5 hour duration

Ready to book a trip?
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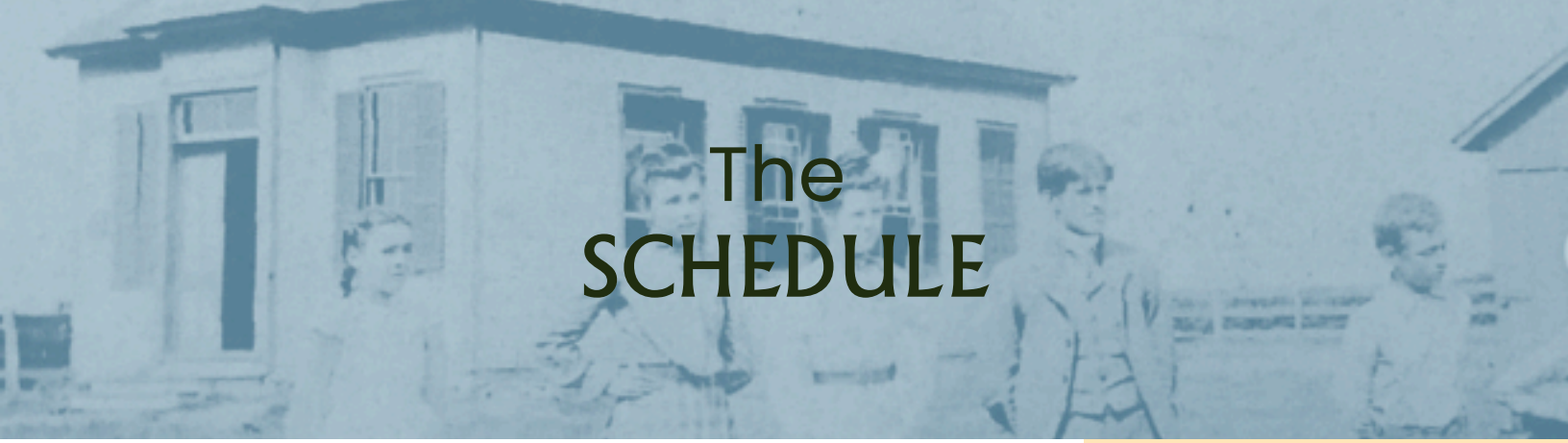

The SCHEDULE

Arrival

Set the Scene → 20 minutes

Short story
Pass out pinafores & handkerchiefs
Assign names for the day

Welcome → 10 minutes

Lessons → 90 minutes

Pledge of Allegiance
Reading
Break
Arithmetic
Water break
Handwriting
“Sparkle” spelling game

Discussion → 30 minutes

Dismissal

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