

“Be a Guest of the Past” Overview of the Learning Activities

Pre-Visit Activities:

- * Explore Johnson County History Lessons
 - a. Video of Johnson County
 - b. Johnson County map reading
- * Develop an Historic Character Role
- * Explore Occupations from the Past
- * Consider Current Events: write articles for an 1876 newspaper
Reflect on Then and Now- The School Classroom through Photographs
- * View *The One Room School*; video from Iowa Heritage Series
Read aloud, *A One-Room School*, Bobbie Kalman
- * Prepare to Visit the One-room schoolhouse
Create an autograph book

(* = required activities)

At the School: (from 9am to 1pm)

Morning Activities (the order of these activities is subject to change)

Line-up, boys and girls

Opening exercises and song

Spelling Bee

Cipher Down

Memorizing and elocution, reading lessons, map reading

Spencerian handwriting exercises

Discussion of historically accurate lunches

Lunch

Handout students' lunches

Restroom break and autograph time

Recess, games indoors or outdoors depending on the weather

Return to the classroom

Artifact exploration and teacher discussion about the 1870's

Closing activities

Group Photo outside on school steps

Return to home school

Post-Visit Activities

- * Journaling about the one-room school experience
 - * Completion of an artifact to display at the museum
- Other follow-up lesson ideas are provided