



EDUCATION PROGRAMS



MANITOWOC COUNTY
HISTORICAL
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1872 School and Play

Experience school in 1872. Interact with our school teacher to take part in lessons for your age group. Students will read from McGuffey's Readers, complete math problems on slates, and participate in spelling bees. If you finish your lessons promptly, there will be time for games!

Fees and Details

Recommended for Multiage but targeted to grade 2 and older

Offered: May through October, Tuesday through Friday

Duration: 2 hour program

Program Overview

Students will take part in 2 immersive stations that bring to life what children in the late 1800s would have experienced in a day – school and play.

- **Shadyside School, 1872**

Listen to your teacher and follow along with the lessons of the day
Activity: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic! All lessons will be from the late 1800s editions of the McGuffey Readers and other teaching aids.

- **Play!**

With chores and homework done for the day, it is time to play.
Activity: Popular games from the late 1800s include graces, rolling hoop, and ball and cup.

- **Possible additional station:**

- **Chores at the Sorenson House**

There's always chores to do before and after school. What types of chores would you have done in 1872?
Activity: Laundry, lawn mowing, bed making (chore types are weather dependent)

After this program, students will:

- * Understand what a school day was like in 1872.
- * Experience what it was like in a classroom and at home for young children in the late 1800s.
- * Reflect on how life is different today compared to 1872.

Wisconsin Standards for Social Studies

Grade level dependent*



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