

Overfield Tavern Museum: Teaching Materials

Pre/Post Activities

Grades Pre-K to 2

Pre Visit Activities

1. Introduce the Overfield Tavern Museum to students with our audio-visual materials.
2. Review museum manners with your class.
 - No eating, drinking or chewing gum while in the museum or annex.
 - Talk softly, no yelling or using loud voices.
 - Listen to all instructions given by museum guides, chaperones and their teacher.
 - Stay together with the guide and the group during the visit.
 - Do not touch anything unless you ask.
3. Have students create nametags to wear during their visit to the museum.
4. Review vocabulary lists with students and read them a book from the suggested bibliography.
5. Have students guess the objects on the *Details of Early American Life* sheet included. Remind them to bring assignment with them while visiting museum to find out if they were right.

Post Visit Activities

1. Theme: Handmade

Discuss with students the importance of making utilitarian objects by hand in the past. Work on a project with the class involving making an object by hand. ie. paper, a book, baskets, candles ...

2. Theme: Children in the Past

Read a story to the students set in colonial America to help them recall everyday life of the past learned during their visit to the museum. Have students describe the type of life they would have had over a hundred years ago living in a tavern or on a farm.

3. Theme: The Past, A Long Time Ago

Since it is a difficult concept for younger children understand, discuss the past with them using a timeline. Have them plot the current year, the year they were born, the year their parents were born, the year their grandparents were born. Then have them mark on the timeline some significant dates in history including the building of the Overfield Tavern.