

What We Learned Today

at the Historical Village

Today your student visited the Sylvania Historical Village for a field trip. They toured the village and got to experience different aspects of Pioneer life. Below is an outline of what they learned and questions and activities you can ask them to further reinforce and engage with the day they had today.

Log Home life

We discussed how our houses today compare to a log home. We also talked about and participated in a few common chores that would need to be done in a log home, including butter-making and spice-grating.

Ask your student: *What was different in the log home compared to our house?*

One Room School House

We visited the Stone Academy and experienced how school was different in 1844 than it is today. We had the chance to practice writing with slates and chalk and practiced the 3 R's: reading, writing, and Arithmetic.

Ask your student: *The school building is a replica, what does replica mean?*

Transportation

We saw the original Sylvania Train Depot, built in 1858, and talked about the importance of transportation. Answering questions like: How did people get from place to place? And what were the drawbacks of how they got around before the train?

Ask your student: *Why was the train an important mode of transportation?*

Old Fashioned Games

We learned that games kids would play were not like what we have today. Old Fashioned Games are often much simpler and homemade. We then got to try and play a lot of these games.

Ask your student: *What games did you play?
What material were the games made out of?*

Trades

There were many jobs in early Ohio towns; these jobs were called trades. We learned about common and important trades and saw some of those trades demonstrated, including carpentry and blacksmithing. We then got to try a trade ourselves and made candles.*These candles can be burned; however, they will burn quickly and be messy. These candles make great birthday cake candles.*

Ask your student: *Why would Pioneers make candles? What are the 2 parts of a candle?*

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Try This!

Make Your Own Rock Candy

What you'll need:

- 2 cups water
- 4 cups white sugar
- A medium saucepan
- Wooden spoon
- Mason jar
- Wooden skewer
- Clothespin
- Wax Paper

Directions:

- Pour water into saucepan and bring it to a rolling boil over medium heat
- Add sugar and start stirring
- Continue stirring until sugar has completely dissolved. This may take several minutes!
- Remove from heat and allow to cool while you prepare the jar and skewer.
- Pour the liquid into the jar. Careful! The liquid will still be hot.
- Dip your skewer into the jar several times. Allow the skewer to dry overnight on a piece of wax paper. * This will allow the seed crystals to form. Which are needed for other crystals to grow and attach to later*
- The next day, put the skewer back in the jar with the sugar water.
Use your clothespin to keep the skewer up right in the jar. Clip it to the top and let it rest on the rim of the jar. Let this sit for several days at room temperature . As the water evaporates you'll see more and more crystals form on the skewer. After about 7 days you will have a nice collection of sweet crystals to eat!

Rock Candy is one of the simplest and oldest versions of candy!