

Supplemental Resources for a Day at Simmons School-in your own school 2021

Please use these tools in addition to the Simmons Schoolhouse website and Teacher's Manual online.

<http://www.simmonsschool.com/resources/TeacherManualAndResourceGuide.pdf>

Roll Call

Simmons Boardwork-Ditties for Geography and Vowels

Elocution Contest

History Lesson

Ice Cream/ Food Recipes/Suggestions

SAMPLE Simmons School Roll Call

- Students choose their own pioneer name after class discussion and talking with parents. Some students may want to use a family name from their ancestors.
- Teachers can add the last names when calling roll.
- Teachers ask students to stand and respond to any comments or questions by the teacher.

Charles-Are you the fella a with a book of Riley poems? Books are hard to come by round here! I hear he's the "Hoosier" poet, whatever that means. Never heard of him in Kentucky, but if yer folks would let me borrow that book, I could read some and if he is a worthy poet we could recite some in class. Not sure his writin' in good 'nuff though! Subscription?

Martha Kate-The superintendent was tellin' me you hope to be a doctor someday? Heaven knows the people in these parts need a good doc. I have come down with the 'ague since I've been around Hope. Can you give me some remedies? What's your thinkin' about the ascephedia bag? Where could I find a mess of garlic to hand around my neck? How will you be payin'?

Nellie-Your ma was so good to me when I moved to town last month. She made me some lovely curtains for my cabin windows. Would you ask her if she would have time to make me a new apron with TWO pockets? I admire her handiwork! Did you or yer Ma make anything you are wearing this mornin'? Now, how were yer Ma & Pa goin' to be paying for your schoolin' this term?

William-I saw you ridin' in this morning on a mule.....do you have him tied out on the hitchin' post? Is he secure? I heard he purt nigh ran of the last school master when he bolted into the classroom during the spellin' bee and knocked over the lamp! I'll have NONE of that in my tenure at Simmons School, ya hear? You keep that mule tied up OR you leave him at home! How will yer Ma and Pa be payin' for your schoolin'?

Betsy-Was that you braidin' all the girls' hair at the church social last Saturday? You have a way with the young'uns! Yer Ma must be proud of you! How many young 'uns in yer family? I saw that purty rag dog you made with the cornsilk braids. Are you good with the needle? How did you learn to sew? Subscription?

Maddox-Young man, the last school master left your cipherin' exams from last semester fer me to see. I reckon yer pretty good with figures. Does yer Pa own the dry goods store? He could probably use some help keeping the accounts straight. She does quite fine work. If I can get some calico from the dry goods store, would yer Ma make me a new Sunday-go-to-Meeting dress? Subscription?

Timmy-Stand up tall there, young fella! A bit damp along the bottoms of yer trousers, I see. Were you one of the young 'uns I saw lollygaggin' down by the crick this morning? I don't want to bringin' any critters into our schoolhouse! We'll have no more of those shenanigans, ya hear? Now tomorrow, it will be a different story---I want you here at daybreak! What'll yer subscription be this summer term?

Abraham-You named for the late President? Do you know which President he was? Quite an honorable name! Now, when I arrived this mornin', I had to sweep out the school, clean the lamp chimneys, and carry in wood in case we need a fire to knock off the chill! There is lots of work to be done in this school house, so starting tomorrow, I want you to stay late to keep the school house in order. Would you ask yer Pa if he can spare you? Term?

Benjamin-Are you that youngin' I heard caught two bear cubs after killing their ma up near the Flatrock last Saturday? Did ya make that shot with a rifle or a carbine? Now, bear skin rug is a treasure fer sure, but what do ya plan to do with those cubs? Where do you hunt in HawCreek township? What's the biggest varmit you kilt? Term?

Jacob-The last school master left notes that instead of practicing your penmanship in your copy book you'd be drawin' figures of horses & bars, guns and trees you aim to be climbin'. Is that right? Now, young'un...when you are at school you will focus on larnin' and keep those fanciful notions out of yer head. That sketchin' won't help you earn a livin'! Pay?

James-I saw you out flying a kite last week. It surely was a fine sight. Did you make it yourself? But ...I need you to have your feet firmly planted here on earth during our geography lesson this mornin'. Now don't get any fanciful ideas about flyin' yerself. You know, there are some fools who think that someday man will fly in the sky, just like birds, but that is just foolish talk! I suppose flyin' kites is harmless enough, but not if yer Pa needs help on the farm. Pay

John-You look like a hard workin' fella! What chores do you hafta do at your place? Next week I need you to come early to haul water to the school and stay late to sweep the schoolhouse out. I cleaned the school for today's session, and the school board brought the water for us today, but a young'un will have to do it from now on. Pay?

Eli-The last school master left notes about your penmanship. You left your copy book, and your writin' is quite regular and fine. I may need you to fill out the graduation certificates at the end of this summer term? I'm not sure by the looks of these young'uns we will have any graduates, but your penmanship is the best of the lot. I might also be askin' you to help these little ones make their letters. Subscription?

Rachel-Yer Ma is quite a good cook. I sampled her apple pie at the social...can you tell me does she use cinnamon or nutmeg? And yer Pa...did he roast the pig for the church social? I borrowed some quilts from yer ma when I came to town and the evenins were so cool. Would you be so kindly as to take them home this evening, and thank her for loanin' them? Subscription?

Robert-I noticed you came in purty muddy this mornin'---were you playing with Timmy down at the crick this mornin'? You know I won't 'low frogs er beetles in this here classroom! Empty those pockets.....just makin' sure you didn't sneak a snake or a critter in. Let me see yer hands.....oh, my, dirty finger nails....you be scrubbed those up before lunch at the pump! Term?

Hazel-I see yer wearing a fine _____. I know yer Ma is quite the knitter. Do you have any black sheep? I would just love to have a dark shawl. Could you or yer Ma make me one? I also heard the ladies talking about yer ma's strawberry preserves? Are the strawberries ready for pickin' yet in these parts? Term?

Tommy-Young man, the last school master left your cipherin' exams from last semester fer me to see. I reckon yer pretty good with figures. Does yer Pa own the dry goods store? He could probably use some help keeping the accounts straight. She does quite fine work. If I can get some calico from the dry goods store, would yer Ma make me a new Sunday-go-to-Meeting dress? Subscription?

Florence-Thank yer Ma for loaning me the candle molds last week? Please take those home to her this evenin'. I made 20 candles that should hold me until winter. Do you know what wildflowers live here along HawCreek? Perhaps you and your friends could pick a mess during recess to brighten up this dreary schoolhouse! It needs a woman's touch. Subscription?

Donnie-There are tales around town that you run the last school master off! What with that mule of Ron's almost burnin' the school house down, I heard that you tricked the master, locked him out of his own schoolhouse, and so he left town? A rowdy feller like you needs a job to keep your idle hands busy.....so you can just haul water up from the crick every morning and help sweep at the end of the day. You tell yer Pa you need to be here from sunup to sundown every Monday and Friday. Term?

Thomas-You look like a sturdy lad. My goodness, you look an awful lot like Donnie! You two fella's brothers? So I reckon you'll be stayin' late today with Donnie to clean out the chimneys on these lamps and carry out the ashes. Master Swinford left this schoolhouse a mess! Yer Ma & Pa won't care if you don't get home until dark if yer helpin at the schoolhouse. Term?

Mary-I heard tell that yer Ma keeps the best herb garden in these parts. Bein' from the south, I do have a hankerin' for mint in my tea! Do you think he could give me a start of that and show me how to care for sage? What's your favorite spice? What vegetables does yer Ma grow in her summer garden?

Felicity-Now, I reckon it was you I heard singin' at the church social last Sunday? You have a mighty perty voice. Maybe you can sing at our program at the end of this term. But, all that singing won't get you a husband.... A young lady your age should be making quilts for her hope chest. You do have at least two quilts in your hope chest by now? Why, if you are 10, you could be gettin' married in just a few more years! Not be callin' you Sam, either! Pay?

Maimie-Young lady, I see you are one of the oldest gals in our school? Do you have your quilts done for your hope chest? I figure you'll be gettin' married in the next year or two. Pay?

Lucy-I borrowed your Ma's candle molds when I came to town. They sure helped me out. Would you be so kind as to take them home to yer Ma after school this evening. You be sure to thank her for loanin' em to me. Subscription?

Caroline-I saw some wild flowers growing out behind the schoolhouse. Do you think at recess you go out and cut some for our classroom. I think they would be a right purty addition to this place.

Laura-Your Grandma makes such lovely dresses. I can see she has a knack for fashion out here in the country. If I'm able to get that calico from Mr. Howe's dry goods store, would your Ma have time to sew up the dress fer me?

Cassie-Tomorrow I need you to stay late and sweep the school out, and haul water in for the next day. The school board took care of the water for us today, but I'll need a young 'un to do it from now on. Subscription?

Clara- I saw you picking strawberries over by the woods yesterday mornin'; Would there be enough that you could bring me some to make preserves? Subscription?

Jack-I heard tell you can handle a slingshot purty good fer a young 'un. The neighbors was tellin' me you could kill a turkey at 50 yards! I'll be callin' on yer talents come Thanksgivin'! Pay?

Rebecca-I thought I saw you at the church social teachin the little girls how to braid their hair. Now I thought to myself, What a helpful lass,

Margaret-Are you the yung 'un whose Ma was keeping school a while back over at Clifty Creek? I heerd she was a right good marm. Do you know your multiplication tables?

Albert-I need you to stay and carry out the stove ashes from last winter's term, young un. You'll need to sweep the floor and carry in wood, since I reckon it'll rain agin tomorrow! Subscription?

Henry-Ellie May's Ma told me at the church social that yer Pa is the only doctor in these parts. If I get to feeling poorly, I'm to call on him to tend to me. Is that right? I hear the ague is a problem in these parts in the heat of summer, and it makes me suffer so..... I might need your Pa to pay me a visit. Subscription?

George-Now the word around the community is that you sometimes sneak out of the preacher's Sunday sermon to go fishing down on HawCreek! You should to be listening to God's Word on the Sabbath....If I don't see you at church Sunday next, I'll be giving your Ma and Pa a visit. Subscription?

Nellie-Are you the lass that ran in that big race last Saturday with the fellers? I know to call on if I need a message run into town! I think I saw you with Tom down at the crick. Now you be getting to school on time from now on, young un! Payin? Blacksmith?

Katherine-I saw your ciphering exams from last semester. You are pretty good with figures. I guess you'll be helping your Pa with his business in town. Subscription?

Matthew-Saw you out with your kite last week...It surely was a fine sight. Did you make it yourself? I need you to have your feet firmly planted here on earth during our geography lesson this morning, ya hear?

Billy -Were you the young un who raised the two bear cubs after killing their Pa up on Blue River? Did you make that shot with a carbine or a rifle? You look kinda a scrawny like for a bear hunter. I'm glad to hear there aren't too many bears in these parts, like down in Kentucky. Subscription?

Audrey-Doesn't yer Ma have the best herb garden in these parts? Starts of mint or sage? I'm gonna be needed some sage and rosemary come summer, and maybe an start of mint for my tea. Payin'?

Jessie-I see you are wearin' a fine _____. I know your Grandma is a fine seamstress. Do you think she could make me a new Sunday "go-to-meeting" dress? Subscription?

Eli-I think yer Pa was the fiddler at the square dance last Friday night? Are you learnin' to play? Term?

Annie-I saw your penmanship and spelling were some of the best last term. I may have you workin' with our youngest scholars to learn their letters. Subscription?

EMMA-I noticed your fine penmanship on the exam last term. Would you be willin' to record these young-uns subscriptions for this summer term? I think your Ma will be helping us with our letters this afternoon. Subscription?

BELLE-Saw you picking strawberries over by the woods yesterday mornin'; How will you be using those strawberries, missy? I need good recipe for preserves. Subscription?

SQUIRE -You must be the young-un who's kin to Daniel Boone. Is that right? Of course, Daniel spent most of his life in Kentucky, but your namesake Squire settled here in Indiana. Are you an inventor like your ancestor? Subscription?

JAMES-Stand up tall there, young feller! A bit damp along the bottoms of yer trousers, I see. Were you one of the young un's I saw lollygagging down by the crick this morning, warn't ya? I'll not have any critters

in yer pockets....Let me see 'em....the snakes and crawdads stay outside my school house. Payin' this term?

Grace-That's a fine looking_.... your wearin. Did your Ma or Gramma make that? Do you have your quilts finished for your hope chest? You know that no feller is gonna want to marry a gal who hasn't at least 3 quilts finished by the time she's 14. Subscription?

SAMUEL-I saw your ciphering exams from last semester. You are pretty good with figures. I guess you'll be helping your Pa with his business in town. Subscription?

ELLIE MAY-I borrowed your Ma's candle molds when I came to town. They sure helped me out. Would you be so kind as to take them home to yer Ma after school this evening. You be sure to thank her for loanin' em to me. Subscription?

Ezekiel-Tomorrow I need you to stay late and sweep the school out, and haul water in for the next day. The school board took care of the water for us today, but I'll need a young 'un to do it from now on. Subscription?

Candace -Ellie May's Ma told me at the church social that yer Ma is the local nurse maid. If I get to feeling poorly, I'm to call on her to tend to me. Is that right? I hear the ague is a problem in these parts in the heat of summer, so I might need your Ma to pay me a visit. Subscription?

MABEL -Does your Ma have an herb garden? Best one in these parts....I'm gonna be needed some sage and rosemary come summer, and maybe an start of mint for my tea. Subscription? Copy of Ben Hur?

AMOS-Chimney lamps need to be wiped out. Would you rather stay late with Edward or come early?

ABIGAIL-I thought I saw you at the church social teachin the little girls how to braid their hair. Now I thought to myself, What a helpful lass,

Jeremiah -Someone told me yer Pa is quite a trapper! Is he teaching you the trade? Can you tell me what a beaver pelt goes for in these parts? You do have beaver round here? Subscription?

Simmons Board Work

Geography Ditty

Use with cardinal directions: have students stand to side of their seat, and ask the group which direction is north, etc. Once all 4 cardinal directions are established, have the students turn in unison by calling out South, East, North, West, East, etc.

Good for movement and learning the directions. Can even use “in between” —northeast, southwest, etc.

East is Ohio’s fertile land

North is the land called Michigan

West Illinois and south the stream

Of the Ohio may be seen.

Sung to the tune of “Pickin’ Up Paw-paws,” OR can just be recited!

Ask students to draw the map of Indiana on paper or a board (in the dirt or sand!). Discuss the shape, the location of the Wabash and Ohio Rivers as boundaries. Have students point and name the surrounding states after learning the above ditty.

Vowel Ditty/Language arts lesson

- Ask a few of the smaller students to recite the entire alphabet.
- Discuss the consonants, and have students name and recite those, discuss the vowels and how they make long and short sounds.
- This ditty uses both long and short vowel sounds. **DO NOT USE THE CONSONANT “t” for obvious reasons.**

This should be done in a sing-song-y fashion, faster and faster with each repetition and each consonant chosen. Where there is a hyphen, teacher is SPELLING, then pronouncing the syllable

b-a bā, b-e bē, b-i bī, bitty by, b-o bō, bitty by bō, b-u bū, bitty by bō bū!

d-a dā, d-e dē, d-i dī, ditty dy, d-o dō, ditty dy dō, d-u dū, ditty dy dō dū!

k-a kā, k-e kē, k-i kī, kitty ky, k-o kō, kitty ky kō, k-u kū, kitty ky kō kū!

m-a mā, m-e mē, m-i mī, mitty my, m-o mō, mitty my mō, m-u mū, mitty my mō mū!

l, n, p are also good consonants to use, DO NOT USE the letter “t” as the beginning consonant.

Elocution Contest

Tear these apart to hand out to students. Choose 6-8 students to go to the front of class to compete. Each student reads a different saying in a practice round. Then each student reads their saying for "competition." If the student pauses too long or misses a pronunciation, he/she sits down. After each student in that round has a turn, the students who are left exchange sayings and begin again without a practice round. Every student who wants to participate can do so if time allows. If there is time, there can be a speak-off with the winners of each round.

Larry sent the latter a letter later.

She sells seashells by the seashore.

A big black bear sat on a big black rug.

Six sleek swans swam swiftly southwards.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

Rush the washing, Russell. Rush the washing.

My cutlery cuts keenly. My cutlery cuts cleanly.

Frivolously fanciful Fannie fried fresh fish furiously.

Nick knits Nixon's knickers. Nick knits Nixon's knickers.

Give Papa a cup of proper coffee in a copper coffee cup.

Red leather, yellow leather. Red leather, yellow leather.

Rubber baby buggy bumpers. Rubber baby buggy bumpers.

A skunk sat on a stump. The skunk thought the stump stunk.

Round the rough and rugged rock the ragged rascal rudely ran.

These sheep shouldn't sleep in a shack. Sheep should sleep in a shed.

1892 Time Warp-History Lesson

President: (Indiana's own) Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

- Republican
- Began to serve in 1889, 23rd President
- Lawyer
- Civil War veteran (brigadier general in the Union Army)
- Elected to the [U.S. Senate](#) by the Indiana legislature
- Centennial president-Inaugurated 100 years after George Washington!
- Grandson of 9th President, William Henry Harrison
- Great-grandson of Benjamin Harrison who signed the Declaration of Independence

Vice-President: Levi P. Morton, New York

- Had been ambassador to France
- He placed the first rivet in the construction of the Statue of Liberty

Indiana Governor: Ira Joy Chase, Republican

- Took over when Governor Alvin Hovey died in office in 1891
- Fought in the Civil War (army), teacher, business man, pastor

During Harrison's time:

44 states: most recent: Washington, Montana, N. Dakota, S. Dakota were added in 1889; Wyoming and Idaho in 1890; brought six state into the Union (most of any President!)

Oklahoma added as a territory in 1890

Land rush: in Oklahoma territory

Electric lights and bells were installed in The White House in 1891. Harrison was afraid of being shocked with the electricity and had the White House staff turn the lights off and on, preferring the old gas lights. Harrison launched a program to build a two ocean navy and expand the merchant marine.

Harrison expanded the civil service, helped small businesses and farmers with the Sherman Antitrust Act, boosted the economy by circulating more silver coins, and

Harrison is responsible for seeing that the American flag is flown over public buildings.

Hand Crank Ice Cream Background

- The first reference to icy treats goes back to Alexander the Great who ate snow and ice flavored with honey. The Roman Empire's Nero Claudius Caesar ate snow flavored with juice and fruit. Royalty dined on "cream ice" in the 16th century. The first publicly available ice cream was served at Café Procope, the first café in Paris.
- In the United States, ice cream is first mentioned in a letter written by a guest of the Maryland governor in 1700. In May of 1777, the New York Gazette ran an ad for ice cream. There is a record that President George Washington spent \$200 on ice cream in the summer of 1790. In 1812, Dolley Madison served a strawberry ice cream dessert at President Madison's 2nd inaugural banquet.
- Ice Cream was a rare and special treat for pioneers. It did not become regularly available to Americans until the 1800s when steam power and **mechanical** refrigeration made it efficient to produce.

The Republic, July 6, 2004, B-9 "Get the Scoop" Becky Sher, *Knight Ridder/Tribune*

HAND CRANK Ice Cream Recipe/Parkside Pioneer Days 1.5 gallon recipe

4 lbs of ice and 1 - 4 lb box of rock salt

Mix together:

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 quart Half and Half
- 1/4 c. sugar
- MIX WELL....making sure the sweetened milk and sugar gets mixed in and totally dissolved.
- Add:
- 1 pint whipping cream
- 1 T. vanilla

Add enough whole milk **to almost fill** a 1 gallon milk jug. Keep a couple inches of air in the top and SHAKE once more before using. KEEP COLD!

When ready to crank, fill the canister 2/3 full of ice cream liquid mix, as mix will expand as it freezes! Set the canister and paddle in the bucket, lock down securely, making sure the canister turns smoothly.

Add several inches of ice & a thin layer of salt (repeating about 3 x for 3 layers) to the top of the bucket.

Crank slowly, continuously. Add salt and ice as needed. Takes about 15 -20 minutes.

Last 5 minutes don't add more ice so the ice/salt melt away from the lid. You don't want salt getting on the ice cream when you remove the paddle.

When the cranking gets hard to crank, it is done. Remove the paddle to a bowl, so the paddle can be “licked” (use a spoon! No double dipping!) Transfer ice cream to a freezer for a couple of hours before scooping and serving.

Wash the canister, lid and paddle thoroughly to remove salt. Rinse the bucket and wipe the crank and metal hooks clean of salt. Salt is VERY corrosive.

Some *White Mountain* freezers don't LOCK down anymore, so someone needs to hold the crank mechanism down while churning OR someone can sit on the whole apparatus (put a towel or rug on top for comfort!)

Parkside has 3 White Mountain freezers, but the pieces parts are unique to each one. They are labeled as to which set is which! Make sure they match or they won't fit and crank!

Pioneer Food IDEAS

NO student should be forced to eat anything!

- Make ice cream
- Make and bake and eat cornbread with real butter or apple butter
- **Discuss processes:** drying, salting, canning for preservation: NO refrigeration!
- **Discuss tools, utensils**—dutch oven, wooden spoons, open fire, hearth, fireplace
 - tripod, types of plates, etc.
- **Tasting:** pickles, beets, dried fruits, kraut, breads
- **Puzzles & pictures**
- **Food options:** apple butter, apple leather, beets, cornbread, johnny cakes, fried apples, ice cream, kraut, pickles, popcorn, sugar cream pie