



EDUCATION
PROGRAMS

Early Years Educators:

We invite you to join us for the in-Museum program:

A Christmas Long Ago

Western Development Museum -
Moose Jaw

November 28 - December 20, 2023

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023



Curriculum Connections:

English Language Arts CRK.1

Comprehend and respond to a variety of visual, oral, print, and multimedia texts that address identity, community and social responsibility.

English Language Arts CRK.2

View and interpret the basic message of visuals and objects in a variety of texts including models, photographs, dramas, dance creations, and videos.

English Language Arts CRK.3

Listen, comprehend, and respond to gain meaning in oral texts.

English Language Arts CRK.4

Comprehend, retell, and respond to basic ideas in stories, poems, songs, and informational texts read to them.

English Language Arts CCK.2

Use oral language to converse, engage in play, express ideas, and share personal experiences.

Social Studies INK.2

Describe the diversity of groups represented in the classroom.

Social Studies IN1.1

Describe diversity of traditions, celebrations or stories of individuals in the classroom and school.

Social Studies DR1.1

Relate family events and stories of the recent or distant past to the student's place in present day family life.

For those who celebrate, Christmas is a time when thoughts turn to family gatherings, decorated trees, turkey dinners, brightly wrapped gifts and Christmas carols. Like today, settler children in the early 20th century grew more excited as Christmas drew near - wondering what the hung stocking would hold, what new toy may be under the tree, what shape the newly cut tree would take and what goodies their family would bake.

A Christmas Long Ago is a two-hour, Museum-led program that provides an opportunity for students to learn about 1910 settler life and, in particular, about family traditions during the Christmas season in rural Saskatchewan.

Program Content:

- An interactive holiday story including pictures, replicas and special hands-on artifacts.
- An opportunity to play with replica wooden toys.
- A holiday craft where students make a home-made Christmas card.
- A self-guided educator or chaperone-led scavenger hunt of the Museum galleries. The scavenger hunt will be emailed to you in advance of your visit.

Program Dates: Starting November 28, Tuesdays through Fridays, until December 20. Sessions can be booked between 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. One class per session. Two classes with the same teacher or from the same school may attend the program on the same day, taking turns in the program space,

To Register: The application form is available at:

wdm.ca/for_teachers/a-christmas-long-ago-moose-jaw/

Pre-registration is required. All applications received by November 17 will receive priority in scheduling. Late applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

If your class is accepted, you will receive a letter of confirmation along with further information to help you and your students prepare for the program.



"[The program aligned with] the beginning of our traditions unit in Social Studies. A great opportunity to see what happened 100 years ago with real examples."

- 2019 Educator



"[My class] was excited to be part of the "A Christmas Long Ago" program highlighting past traditions. It worked well with the Social Studies program for K - 3."

- 2019 Educator

Program Cost: \$4 per student

Chaperones must be provided at a ratio of 1 adult per 5 students. Chaperones are admitted free of charge. Support staff and chaperones for students with significant needs are allowed at a 1:1 ratio at no charge. Admission for additional adults beyond the required number is \$9.50 each.

Note: No preschoolers will be allowed to accompany classes into the program room. Please share this with your chaperones.

Invoicing is preferred, however, payment may be made in one lump sum at the admission counter and a receipt will be issued. Please notify the Museum in advance if you wish to be invoiced.

If your class is not selected, you will be notified and if you wish, you may arrange your own self-guided visit to the WDM Moose Jaw. Call 306-693-5989 or email moosejaw.ed@wdm.ca to book your visit. The cost is \$2.50 per student for self-guided visits.

For More Information: Contact us at moosejaw.ed@wdm.ca or 306-693-5989.