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Early Years Educators:

We invite you to join us for:

Christmas Past and Present

A virtual program from the
Western Development Museum

November 1, 2025 - January 15, 2026

Program Registration Opens: November 1, 2025

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Curriculum Connections:

Social Studies INK.2
Describe the diversity of groups represented in the classroom.

Social Studies IN1.1
Describe the diversity of traditions, celebrations, or stories of individuals in the classroom and school.

Social Studies IN2.2
Create a representation of the diversity of cultural groups in the local community.

Social Studies IN3.3
Illustrate examples of interdependence of communities.

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.

Through this virtual program, we provide an opportunity for students to learn about 1910 settler life and, in particular, about family traditions during the Christmas season in rural Saskatchewan. Students will compare and contrast how celebrating the holidays has changed and what has remained the same over the last 100+ years.

This virtual program features a downloadable video in which Museum staff lead students through a holiday story that includes photos, artifacts and replicas as we follow a Grandmother and Grandfather preparing for Christmas. Pre- and post-video resources include a selection of worksheets, crafts and activities appropriate for students Kindergarten - Grade 3.

Let's Compare! Pre-Video Activities

- Christmas Letter from 1910
- Letter to the Future Worksheet
- Christmas Past and Present Activity Book
- Caboose Craft Information and Template

A Christmas Long Ago Video (approx. 15 minutes)

- A Christmas Long Ago Worksheet and Answer Key

Let's Create! Post Video Activities

- Holiday Tambourine (PreK - K)
- Make a Wish Upon a Star (PreK - K)
- Holiday Lantern (Grade 1 - 2)
- Ornament Ball (Grade 1 - 2)
- Pretty Poinsettia (Grade 3)
- Tin Pierced Lantern (Grade 3)
- Snowman Christmas Card and Template (K- Grade 3)

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Program Availability: November 1, 2025 - January 15, 2026

Program Cost:
Cost for school classrooms is $100 per class.
For homeschool groups, there is a connection fee of $25 per household.

How To Book: Visit our booking sheet at
https://wdm.ca/for_teachers/virtual-christmas-past-and-present/

Once you complete your registration form, you will receive a confirmation email within three business days with information about how to access the program materials.

For more information: Contact us at education@wdm.ca.