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**Connecting Children of Today
with the
Children of Yesterday**

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**No time to go to the
dentist ?**

**In the 1920's, there was a
push for better oral health in
Rutherford County. Dr.
Mustard and Elise Gooch
would make classroom visits.**





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Lemonade Stand? How about a Flower Stand?

This photo shows two children from Tennessee selling wildflowers on the roadside in 1947.





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**Do you enjoy playing
in the park?**

**These children also enjoyed
playing in the park in 1902.
What kind of games do you
think they played?**



BOYS and GIRLS!
You can help your Uncle Sam
Win the War



JAMES H. MONTGOMERY FLAG
W.S.S.
WAR SAVINGS STAMPS
ISSUED BY THE
UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT

Save your Quarters
Buy War Savings Stamps

**What do you do with
the money you earn?**

**In 1917, Children were
encouraged to use their
money to buy stamps that
helped support World War I
efforts. What do you spend
your money on today?**



**Do you enjoy a
yummy and messy
watermelon in the
summertime?**

**These Tennessee children felt
the same way about
summertime treats in the
1960's!**

**Can you imagine how sticky
they must have been after
this treat?**

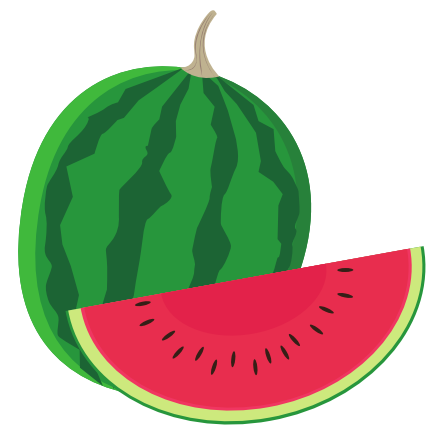


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Did someone say SNOW DAY?

Do you enjoy bundling up and playing in the snow? Turns out these Tennessean children felt the same way!

I wonder how many times it snowed in Tennessee when these children were in school?

Do you think they made snowmen, snow angels, and had snow ball fights too?



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Is recess one of your favorite parts of the day?

Did you know that children in the 1920's also played on the playground during recess?

They may not have had all the fun things that you have today but I bet they played games like "Hopscotch" or "Tag" . Have you played those games?



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LOOK at how much has changed in playgrounds from the 1920's to the late 1940's.

How do you think playgrounds will look when you are an adult?

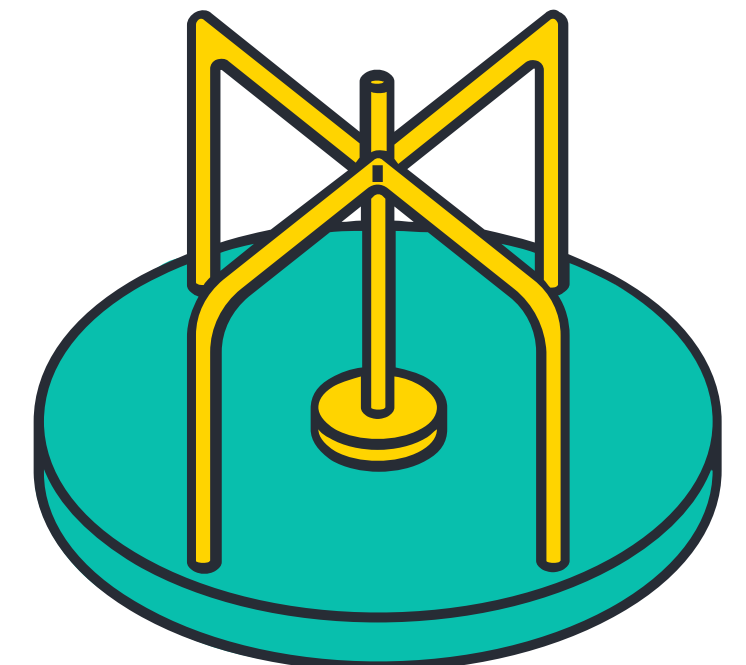




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**Do you and your friends get
excited to win contests?**

**This has always been true of children!
These children went to school in
LaVergne, Tennessee and are
celebrating their blue ribbon win in a
contest.**





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Do you have a favorite school lunch meal?

These children in Rutherford county did too! Does this look anything like your school cafeteria line? What are some similarities and differences?





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What is your favorite field trip that you have been on?

This little girl enjoyed a field trip in Nashville at an art museum in 1957. It looks like she is wearing a school uniform. Do you wear uniforms when you go to school?





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**Have you ever had a performance?
Maybe a dance recital? A play? Or even
a musical?**

**Turns out the children have always loved to dress up
in costume to dance and perform. These children
lived in Union City in 1919 where they danced and
played outside.**



**What kind of activities do you do
in the summer? Do you ever go
to the pool?**

**In 1969, these children went to a community
park in Tennessee and enjoyed a day of
swimming.**

**Do you think they played diving games or
sharks and minnows? What games do you
play at the pool?**



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What does your classroom look like? Do you have a smartboard?

This is a photograph of a 4th grade class in Rutherford County learning in their classroom during the 1920's,

Do you think their school day involved videos? Ipads? QR codes?

How might learning be different when a chalkboard and books are your main resources?



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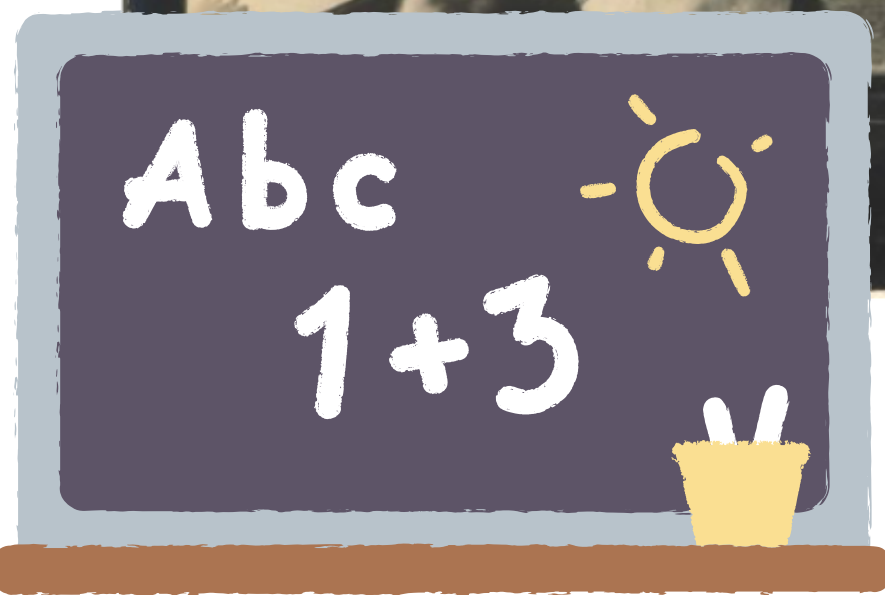




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Do you play any sports?

**These children play a game of
baseball in Murfreesboro, TN.**

**Isn't it fun how the field looks
similar to the field you play on
today?**





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Have you ever been to a waterpark? Do you like to play in the hose in your backyard?

This is a photo of children enjoying the water and warm weather in Murfreesboro, TN.



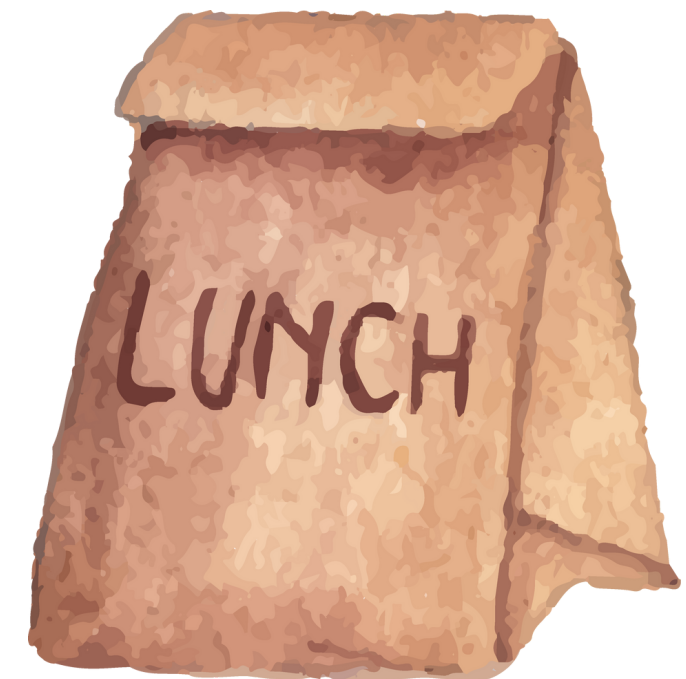


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Do you ever eat in your classroom for special occasions?

This photo from 1966 shows students in Antioch enjoying a special lunch in their classroom?

What do you think they did during their lunch time? Did they get to watch videos while they ate?



**Do you and your school participate
in a community service project?**

**These children are helping in a clean up day in
Mount Pleasant in 1915.**

**How does it make you feel to be able to give
back to your community?**

**Do you think these children had the same
feeling when they were helping clean up the
trash on their cities' streets?**



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**Do you do summer camps over
summer vacation?**

**Children in the 1950's enjoyed summer
programs just like you! This is a photo of a
group of children as a summer program in
Lebanon.**

**I wonder if their camps were the same camps
that you go to today?**



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What is the coolest toy you can have right now?

The answer to this changes a lot but in the 1930's these are a few of their favorite toys: dolls, wagons, and trampolines.





**“THE MORE THINGS CHANGE,
THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME.”**

- Alphonse Karr

What do you think Karr meant by this quote? Can you see a connection to this quote and the images you have just studied. Explain.