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WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TN

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The
FRANKLIN
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The Moore-Morris
History and
Culture Center
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TN

KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP: Overview

The Lifesize Map looks like a 6' x 4' map rolled out on the floor as students are seated on rugs around the map.

We begin by locating our place in the world. We do this by "zooming out" to space, into earth, North America, the United States, Tennessee, Williamson County, Franklin, TN and finally 108 Bridge Street.

During our journey we will virtually visit five historic buildings and learn about the "life" of the building. In doing this we will embrace a bit of anthropomorphism. Students are challenged to find the pattern in each of these buildings' stories (they are all really old).

Moore-Morris History and Culture Center
Franklin Theatre
Harlinsdale Farms
Landmark Booksellers
Post Office
The Factory at Franklin

We will hear from significant people at each of these landmarks and place the landmark in the correct location on the life-size map. In an effort for young minds to grasp the hundreds of years old these buildings are- we start with a picture of a student between 5 and 6 years of age (Kindergarten) and show a picture of someone who is 120 years old. This would be an example of the Moore-Morris History and Culture Center that is 120 years old.

After all the plaques are placed on our map, we discuss the location of the landmarks using our placement cards." If I am at the Franklin Theatre, Landmark Booksellers is to my right."

At the end of our virtual tour, we will notice how good the buildings look for being 100 + years old. That is due to a fancy word called PRESERVATION. Preservation is a big word that means keeping the old buildings in our town pretty. We talk about how this makes Franklin a unique and special place. We look at a picture of an old home and brainstorm how we can "preserve" it- cutting the grass, painting, repairing the roof etc. We make a connection to taking care of our bodies (going to the doctor, drinking water, eating healthily, exercising etc).

To finish, we will "see, think, and wonder" about three historic dollhouses that mimic a few historic homes in Franklin.

Teachers will be given digital access to a trace writing and coloring sheet that corresponds to the program for a back-to-school activity.