



MetroFamily Field Guide: A Trip to the Harn Homestead

The Harn Homestead is a great place to step back in time.

Before you go:

Take an adventure to the library and read about the Oklahoma Land Run. Suggested reading titles (check your local library):

- *Hooray for Oklahoma* by Carolyn Kirschstein
- *Oklahoma City Land Run to Statehood (Images of America: Oklahoma)* by Terry Griffith
- *S is for Sooner* by Devin Scillian
- *The Oklahoma Land Run* by Una Belle Townsend

For your outing you will need:

Basic Field Guide Kit (including notebook, pencils, crayons)

Once you are home you will need: Recipe Ingredients (self-rising corn meal, self-rising flour, salt, milk, water, eggs), computer paper/ plain white paper, crayons, pencils

Vocabulary to use while visiting:

Land Run: Historical event where previously restricted land was open for claiming on first arrival basis

Boomer Sooner: People who snuck in early, mostly railroad workers and soldiers, to claim land, also known as squatters.

Victorian: Relating to the style of architecture, décor, furnishings, and morality of Queen Victoria, popular in the 19th century.

Learning in Action:

Math activities:

Tie in your step back in time with patterns. Patterns are a consistent, characteristic form, style, or method. Have your child look for patterns in the wall paper, quilts, furniture, etc. Have them draw the patterns, to the best of their ability, in their notebook and describe what the pattern is.

Language Arts and Visual Arts Activities:

Setting is the description of the surroundings, time, and place. Have your child go on a scavenger hunt to find characteristics of the setting of the homestead. While walking through the homestead have them *point* out the items on the list and have them *draw* them in their notebook. Choose which items you would like your child to look for from the list given.

Bed warmer

Candle holder

Chamber Pot

Dinner Bell

Dolls

Old telephone

Organ

Peacock feathers

Piano

School Bell

Violin Case

Wagon

Water Pump in home

Wood burning stove

Science:

Are you hungry yet? In the territorial period they had to make their own food from scratch. They could not go to the store and buy the jiffy cornbread box and cook it. Have your child list the different locations where the food was grown, stored, and prepared. Then have them categorize what foods came from each location on the homestead.

Social Studies:

Have your child draw a time line in their notebook. A timeline is there to represent the different key events in history. Have them read the signs posted by each historical landmark and create a timeline of events with each date given.

Bring It home:

Math and Science:

Are you ready to cook? Let's get down to business and cook up some homemade corn bread. You and your child are going to be making homemade corn bread similar to what they did in the territorial years.

Homemade Cornbread

Ingredients:

2 cups self-rising Corn Meal

1 cups self-rising flour

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup milk

1 cup water

2 eggs

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Stir in Corn Meal, flour, and salt.
3. Slowly stir in milk, water, and eggs.
4. Once contents are mixed, pour into greased baking pan (9x9).
5. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes or until golden brown.

Language Arts and Visual Arts:

Now that you are home, have your child write a letter to a friend pretending that they were there during the land run. Your child will want to describe what they saw, felt, and did during this time period. On the back of your child's letter have them draw a picture of the scenery as if their letter were on a post card.

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