Discover Texas history through an interactive exhibit gallery, hands-on educational programming and historic home tours. Each program is aligned with appropriate TEKS content.

WHAT TO EXPECT
(GRADES 2 AND UP)
• Students are divided into groups of 15 to 25.
• Field trips to the museum consist of a minimum of three programs/activities; schools may choose to add more.
• For larger school groups, please contact us for alternative schedules.
• Teacher packets of pre- and post-visit activities are available online at fortbendmuseum.org.

• Cost: $7 to $9 per student, depending on the number of programs booked
• Days: Tuesday and Wednesday (Other days available upon request)
• Times: 9:30 a.m.
• One adult is free for every 10 students. Additional adults are $10 each.

PRE-K TO 1ST GRADE
Students are divided into groups of 15 to 25 and rotate through two different activities:
• Cost: $5 per student

Hands-on History
• Storytime in the Fort Bend Museum’s gallery
• Handle Texas pioneer artifacts

Children’s Chores
• Interactive tour of the 1855 Long-Smith Cottage
• Churning butter, washing clothes and more!

LOCATION
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Richmond, TX 77469

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PROGRAM OPTIONS

• **Long Smith Cottage** - Tour the historic home of the Thomas Jefferson Smith family, furnished to reflect their middle-class lifestyle in the 1860s. A few of the furnishings belonged to Jane Long, the “Mother of Texas.” Students are encouraged to participate in the guided discussion through the use of artifacts in the home.

• **One-Room School House** - Sit up straight, get your slates and listen up in our turn-of-the-century school room as class begins. Activities may include playing the state song on pipe chimes, writing on slates, using nib pens, practicing math and/or participating in a spelling bee.

• **Chore Time** - Show-and-tell of period household equipment and the lack of electricity will enlighten your students to the difficulties of children’s duties in the home. Activities include drawing water from the well, washing clothes on a washboard, grinding corn and churning butter.

• **Textiles in Texas** - A spinner guides students through the process of making cloth by demonstrating the spinning process with cotton and wool, weaving fabrics and making quilts. The program emphasizes changes in lifestyle and technology. Students practice ginning and carding cotton.

• **Museum Gallery** - This interactive, guided tour focuses on the history of Stephen F. Austin’s colony from its settlement in Texas in 1822 through the Battle for Texas Independence in 1836 and beyond. Students are encouraged to participate in a guided discussion and handle artifacts.

• **Victorian Games** - Students will find out how children played and passed the time in the 1800s. Lots of physical exercise, cooperation and imagination took place. Students will get a chance to learn and practice the games of hoops and graces. They will also get to walk on stilts.

• **Digging in the Past** - Archeology is a physical search for things of the past—a study of people through the examination of the things they left behind. The program includes information about Native Americans, time periods and the proper procedure of archeology. Students view artifacts and experience archeology first-hand during a simulated dig.

• **Morton Cemetery** - Morton Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in Texas, and is the resting place for Mirabeau Lamar, Jane Long and other famous Texans. Students will learn how to discover interesting facts about the past and make a tombstone rubbing. (Note: School buses will be needed to take students to and from the cemetery.)

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