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The Museum's new Education Programs catalog is available to view and download at our website under the Education Tab. The new catalog features both onsite and outreach programs. This year, for the first time, we



are offering a program called, *Plants and Animals*, which is designed for kindergarten through second grade. *Plants and Animals* focuses on the Museum's crops, garden vegetables, and livestock and includes lots of hands-on activity. We also are offering a Physical Education Program for the first time this year. This program for all ages has students visit the Museum's outdoor exhibits where they play historic games, perform skilled jobs, and dance to traditional tunes. In addition, we are offering several new programs designed for middle and high school students. These programs include use of primary sources as well as hands-on activities. Program themes include civics, economics, and religion. Finally, the Museum is offering some new Outreach programs. If you are interested in having our staff come to your classroom for a program please contact the Museum for further details.

The Museum is currently constructing a 1700s American Indian Hamlet. This new exhibit represents the Eastern Woodlands peoples that were living beyond the edge of the frontier in



the 18th Century. The hamlet is palisaded with four wigwags and a longhouse plus the work shelters for both men and women. It is based on archaeological research and is



constructed from local materials such as red cedar trees, tulip poplar bark, cattails, and deerskins. Please visit this spring and see the progress!



The Frontier Culture Museum does not exactly close in the winter, but we do slow way down. Don't worry though, we will come to your school! From January to mid-March our interpreters conduct outreach programs at schools throughout Virginia. One of these, *Classroom in the Past*, includes a visit and lesson from an old time Schoolmaster. Students quickly discover how much better they have it in school today than in the past! Our Physical Education Program can also be conducted as an outreach program with Museum staff coming in to your school to teach you and



your students historical games and activities. All of our programs support the Virginia SOLs. Please review our new catalog at our website for all of our programs and complete descriptions!

The next newsletter will be sent in the Spring.

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