

EMMAUS HERITAGE ALLIANCE

Third grade students experience hands-on history



Ricki Stringfellow presents the interactive story of George as part of the Heritage Alliance's third grade program. Additional photos appear on Page A8.

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The Emmaus Heritage Alliance once again provided third graders of the East Penn School District with a program designed to bring history to life.

Presenters set the stage with a pre-event that combined storytelling and PowerPoint pictures to familiarize the children with Emmaus's history. Students later visited Emmaus's God's Acre, Shelter House, Knauss Homestead and 1803 House, and like George, the main character of the pre-event story, engaged in activities that were part of everyday life during the historical periods when the various sites were established.

Local customs, values and traditions are rooted in a community's history. Through the combined ef-



Rachel Saint-Jean and Cassidy Helfrich learn about the importance of diary writing during their visit to the Knauss Homestead.

orts of the volunteers of Penn School District are connecting to their local roots and having a very good time in the process.



At the Shelter House, woodsman Ken Biles shares the skills required to survive on the frontier.



Seated from left to right: Daulton Devlin, Eden Engler, Mackenzi Hughes, Cayden Fick and Garen Chapkovich receive a lesson in open hearth cooking from Rachel Cubellis, standing, at the 1803 House.



Longtime Emmaus resident Jeanne Harakal wears Moravian Colonial garb and uses a PowerPoint projection to introduce students to the historical sites they will be visiting.



Lincoln Elementary School students Khairi White and Basem Issa listen to the story of George.



ABOVE: Lukus Rohrbach, Grant Snow and Jimmy Cavalieri listen to an explanation of the arrangement of the graves in God's Acre.



RIGHT: Volunteer Maryellen Iobst enjoys explaining the importance of farm animals during the colonial era.

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Camren Martinez, Kezaya Rajan and Xavier Nance learn the secrets for building a log cabin. PRESS PHOTOS BY BEVERLY SPRINGER



Callie Heimbach, Kyle Gamler and volunteer Linda Boehmer mark a corner as students lay out the dimensions of the original church that once stood on God's Acre.