

Dear Parents,

We have kicked off our “Then and Now” unit and are learning a lot about what life was like long ago. Over the next couple of weeks, we would love if your child could interview someone who could tell what life was like in the past. Preferably, your child can interview someone who is in their seventies/eighties; however, anyone who is significantly older than a kindergartener today is fine! You may have a grandparent, great-grandparent, neighbor, or fellow church/synagogue member that could be a great candidate to interview. If that person could provide any old photos or artifacts for the student to bring in, that would be great as well! If not, answers to some questions would be wonderful. We have listed a few questions your child might ask, but they are certainly welcome and encouraged to come up with some on their own! You might help them record answers as they conduct their interviews. With the information they learn, students may compile a picture collage (either using real photos or drawn photos) describing what this person’s life was like long ago. There are no specific qualifications for what this looks like; we’ll leave that up to your child and you to decide. He/she may decide to make a scrapbook, a poster, or maybe simply use a piece of copy paper. Students will share their findings with the class on the Friday after Thanksgiving break, December 4. Thank you for partnering with us in your child’s education! ☺

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1. What was your school like? What things did you learn?
2. What did you do for fun? Were there toys you liked to play with?
3. How did you communicate with people, especially who were far away?
4. What kinds of transportation did you use?
5. What was your home life like as a child?