

History Happened Here!

Hometown History Project for all HCA Families

Next school year we begin our four year revolving curriculum cycle for the 9th time! The first two of those four years are dedicated to the study of American history. Year One, titled *Our Heritage*, will focus on the time period in America from explorers (1500's) through the Civil War (1861-1865). It's a lot of ground to cover!

New England has such a rich history during this time period. Naturally we want to take maximum advantage of the fact that much can be learned about this period of American history just by being alert and attentive to our own surroundings. It is often surprising to learn the historical events that occurred in our own hometowns!

To prompt the discovery of these events by our students, we are asking families to participate in a quick and easy summer project called Hometown History. Throughout this summer, look for historical markers in your town that memorialize events from the 1500's to 1865. They are everywhere! These markers may note a variety of things such as the house of a famous person, a Native American encampment area, or a revolutionary battle.

Take pictures of these signs, markers, or statues wherever you find them (with your family in them, of course!). Note where they are and keep a log book or list of what you found. If you are traveling in other parts of the country, or even the world, and see a marker that commemorates something between 1500 - 1865, take a picture!!! We will post these on our bulletin board at school next fall and learn from each other's travels.



Think of this as a great treasure hunt. America started right here and the more fully we appreciate that, the more grateful to God we become for all the blessings of this land. Have fun, keep your eyes open, and spend your summer learning the HCA way!

PS Extra credit will be given to any student who visits their local Historical Society and comes back with a few interesting facts to prove it!