

1800s School Days Vocabulary

Arithmetic:	The field of mathematics relating to addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
Dunce Cap:	A cone-shaped hat used as a shaming punishment for misbehaving students
Elocution:	The skill of pronouncing words clearly and correctly
Monitorial System:	An approach to education in which older students directly teach younger students
Pail:	A metal bucket used by some students to carry their lunches
Penmanship:	The skill of writing words clearly by hand
Primer:	A textbook used in teaching students to read
Recess:	A break in the school day when students could play outside
Rote Memorization:	An approach to education in which students repeated tasks over and over until they were memorized
Slate:	A small, individual chalkboard made of thin stone that each student would use along with chalk to complete their classwork
Strawberry Schools:	Schools in farming communities that shaped their schedule around the annual strawberry harvest, giving students a long winter break instead of a summer break

