Overview
Did you know that the first public kindergarten in the U.S. was founded in St. Louis? During the 1800s Missouri was an international referent for early childhood instruction, and it has continued to be at the forefront of education with renowned institutions like the University of Missouri and Washington University in St. Louis. Explore this guide to discover resources about the history of education in our state.

Historic Missourians
Click on each name to learn more!

- **Sara Lockwood Williams**, first woman professor at a journalism school in the U.S.
- **Frederick B. Mumford**, educator. Made the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri one of the top programs in the country.
- **Susan Blow**, founder of the first public kindergarten in St. Louis.
- **Henry Kirklin**, one of the first African American people to teach at the University of Missouri.

Find more biographies on the Historic Missourians website. Click on the “Educators” category.

One-Room Schoolhouse Oral History Project
Would you like to learn about the experiences of people who attended one-room schoolhouses in Missouri? Explore this oral history project!