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In pioneer costume, Denali Heinlein, 10, left, works on grinding flour as her classmate Lukas Wise, 10, prepares a recipe for biscuits before cooking them over an open fire.

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Preparing for a 'Long Winter'

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Third- and fourth-graders at Bend's Waldorf School spent their Friday morning in an open-air classroom, part of a unit on the Laura Ingalls Wilder book "The Long Winter." Dressed in pioneer-inspired costumes, students wrote their lessons on pieces of slate and ground wheat to prepare biscuits they cooked over a fire they built from scavenged pieces of wood.

"Don't stop working!" encouraged teacher Yvonne Babb. "The pioneer people were always busy with food, wood and chores."