Tap Room/Public Room

Travelers and locals would have found this room a haven with warmth, food, and drink. They would gather for news, business, and sociability. The inn served as the frontier post office and a source for news from newspapers and word of mouth. Maps were available for travelers and interested buyers to see what was available. This room also provided entertainment with cards, dice, checkers, and other games. It was mostly men here because of drinking and smoking. Today first graders are taught about the colonies, events leading to the Revolutionary War— including King George, the Declaration of Independence, and the Boston Tea Party. They discuss the Constitution and our newly first president, George Washington. They learn about the early inn’s function in the community and enjoy some punch that they have made.