

Costume Information

Ben Franklin: Knee-length knickers, baseball caps without stripes will also work well for this. A vest, shirt with full sleeves and a “cravat” style tie. A woman’s blouse with this style works great, actually. A tri-corner hat (Peter could simply wear his glasses). If possible, Franklin hair under his hat, but not required, since he will plainly state who he is at the outset. Long white socks or tights, dark shoes with buckles on them. Whatever you think makes him look Colonial.

Miss Sullivan: A “Miss Frizzle” style librarian. Kind of funky and out-there. Use your imagination and have some fun with it.

Alex, Mark, Sally – “Kid” clothes

The Cat in the Hat – check out pictures on the internet or in the book, of course. I know there are kids who have the hat....if Trey asks around. We will manage the make-up and I already have a cane for him. Dark shoes. You might consider black sweatpants and sweat shirt as a base for whatever you construct for him and white gloves.

Thing One and Thing Two: They will, of course, need the shirts. I suggest black leggings to go under them and matching wildly striped socks (or perhaps tights) and if the shirts are short sleeves, a black turtleneck under them. I have ordered two blue wigs for them. They will also need a pirate’s eye-patch.

The Library Chorus: Kid clothes. Bright colors, though.

The Prairie Chorus and Speaking parts in the “Little House on the Prairie” scene: dress as homesteaders, meaning poor and homemade. Boys, solid colored button up long sleeve shirts and vests or suspenders, brown, black, blue or khaki solid colored pants. Girls, long (close to the floor) full skirts and blouses or dresses, feel free to add pinafore or aprons to it. Girls, do your hair accordingly. Ribbons and bows in it, etc., braids if you like. Nellie Olson looking “store-bought” with HUGE bow in hair, etc.

The Numbers Chorus: solid color LONG SLEEVE t-shirts (oversized so that they hang pretty long, probably an adult small or medium) and black leggings or sweat pants, etc., Choose a bright solid color for your shirt!!!! White gloves. We will make your signs together in school.

The Dewey Decimal chorus: Dress as your character requires. Try to wear something that distinguishes you as the character. For example: Harry Potter – cape, scar, glasses, etc., Luke Skywalker – white karate GI with belt wrapped around it....light saber. You get the picture. Architect – business look with rolled up plans in your hand? Be creative about it. We have some interesting characters in this section. Look up your person in the library and on the internet and see what ideas for a costume you can get. Remember, you don’t need to be exact, just to suggest who you are by what you are wearing and how you fix your hair, etc.

The Pirates, Long John Silver and Jim Hawkins: These are crew members, mostly. Think stripes, eye-patches, etc. all the bad movies you have ever seen. They may NOT have a sword that can be drawn, but a scabbard or a knife case is ok. (it's that no-tolerance thing) Long John Silver is a more "superior" pirate. He need not carry his parrot.....but needs to simulate a peg-leg. I suggest using a cone made of poster board or heavy felt for that. Perhaps put some Velcro along the edge so it is easily snapped in place. Hawkins is a more ragged looking kid who has been on board ship for a long time. I suggest a tri-corner hat for him, a pirate treasure map, shirt and suspenders, etc.

Tom Sawyer and the kids: These are kids in the 1850s or so. They are a little ragged, may have a soft felt or straw hat if they choose. Girls should have full skirts that are long (below the knee), with pinafores if they choose and braids, etc. Boys, suspenders, rope belts, etc., and something in their hand to trade with Tom Sawyer for the opportunity to paint (a kite, a wooden toy, a paddle ball, an apple....you get the idea). Aunt Polly, long skirt (close to floor), full sleeves blouse, apron, rolling pin. You might read some of the book to get the idea!

Nancy Drew and her friends: Stylish looking. Coordinate together, girls. You will also need LARGE flashlights.

Squire and Prince: The fairy tale Prince regalia. A tunic in royal colors with maybe some gold or silver shiny braid along the edges, perhaps a shield, or something. Be creative with it. Don't forget the crown. Squire. You also need a tunic, perhaps with a crown on the front showing you work for the prince. A large cloth sack (like a laundry bag) to carry over your shoulder. You can wear tights or black sweatpants under the tunic. I have some things in my costume box that you might want to use. You also might call the Blethens or the Matalonis. They both needed similar costumes a couple years ago for a show we did. They may still have some of the pieces around.

Wizard: Long robe (a choir robe often works well for this) with large stars on it, a pointy wizardy looking hat with stars on it, a LARGE wand, and I will provide the glitter for you to cast your spell.

Use your imagination. Use your closets and toy boxes. Use your grandparents' closets for a resource. Check out the local Salvation Army Store. Remember that something need not be exact in every detail, or elaborate. It only need give a LARGE hint to the audience of who you are. Have fun with it!

You need to have your costume AT SCHOOL on April 7th. We will keep them in your classroom, but you will need them for the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, April 9th, no exceptions. After the Thursday A.M. show, we will it home. PLEASE WEAR IT when you come back that night.

**YOU NEED TO BE HERE IN COSTUME AT
6:30 P.M. APRIL 10TH.**