



SUMMARY

Once a month a grade 5 class, approximately 25 students, take the bus to a seniors supportive living center where they do arts, crafts and games with seniors in the dining room. Students and seniors enjoy learning from each other, building connections and sharing snacks. This program has been ongoing for 15 years led by the same teacher.

ACTIVITIES

- Arts & Crafts
- Games (ex. Bean bags toss, shuffle board, scrabble, checkers, chess, cards)
- Conversations
- Learning from each other
- Connection, creativity and community spirit
- Sharing snacks

BENEFITS

- Build relationships
- Reduces social isolation
- Strengthens social skills

SUPPORTS

This year they received a donation to cover the cost of bus transportation and materials for creative projects designed to brighten the lives of seniors.

CONSIDERATIONS

- seniors can get sick
- equals bigger groups for the other seniors



It's a very thriving community that they have, but having these students just brings another flare. It also helps with [senior] cognitive function. The students are keeping them on their toes, asking them questions and asking them about their lives. It seems to stimulate the sense of purpose in them where they get joy out of connecting with the younger kids and being able to share stories about their lives and even tell them a bit about how times have changed and give them a new perspective.



Grade 5 Teacher