

The Honoring Elders Project

The students in Mrs. Kiefer's and Mrs. VanEnkevort's classes met a nice lady photographer, whose name is Kara Counard of Bloom Photography. She did a project called, *Women over 90*, where she photographed and interviewed older women from the Green Bay area. After she did that, she wanted to get kids involved, so she started a project called, *Honoring Elders*. Our classes at Bay Harbor asked to participate.

Kara came to Bay Harbor and taught us so much. We learned about photography; composition (grid/the rule of 3's) and light. The next time Kara came, we got to use her dslr cameras to practice taking pictures. She also taught us about storytelling, how to talk to the seniors and how to interview them.

The fourth graders went to Brookview Meadows for the first time in November. They were divided into groups of two or three students. Each group interviewed a senior citizen and took lots of pictures of them. When the students went back to Bay Harbor, they wrote their stories.

The fourth graders made books using the photographs and the information that the senior citizen shared with them. After writing the stories, they went to the computer lab, typed their stories and added the photographs of their special senior. Finally they decorated beautiful covers for the books.

February 11th was an exciting day for some of the fourth graders at Bay Harbor. The senior citizens of Brookview Meadows were

given the beautiful books that the fourth graders made of their lives. The senior citizens came to the Library and met their interviewers again. After a bit of talking they took a tour of the school. Once they had toured the school they all went in to the Commons and had cookies and juice. Then, Surprise! Some of the fourth graders presented a reader's theater about Jack and the Beanstalk and they all sang a song. The fourth graders had GREAT time and we hope that that the senior citizens did too!! :)

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