

Columbia H. S. Operation Graduation Students Reach Out to Red Mill E. S. First Graders



Students from Columbia High School's Operation Graduation, along with their teacher Mrs. Mancino, reached out to Mrs. Mahar's first grade Red Mill Elementary School students. To encourage writing, the Columbia students' role was to become reading buddies and pen pals to the first graders. Once a month they wrote to each other and then visited each other to connect and build a love for reading and make new friends.

The Columbia Students became role models demonstrating the importance of reading and by showing the children of Mrs. Mahar's class that reading can be fun. Additionally, this connection gave both classes an opportunity to feel important as leaders and learners.

In December, the Red Mill students visited Columbia's Operation Graduation class and together they made Christmas and holiday cards. The beautiful three-dimensional cards were delivered, by the Operation Graduation students, to St. Margaret's Center in Albany, which is a skilled nursing facility for medically fragile infants, children, and young adults.









