

C.L.L.E.

council for life long engagement

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Spring time has once again found the Council for Life Long Engagement (CLLE) visiting with the fifth grade students in Ms. Kathman's class. The students have been busy studying China. On Friday, April 15th, Miner Raymond, a Deupree House Resident and Betty Cavanaugh, a Marjorie P. Lee resident joined the class to share personal stories of their travels through China.

Mr. Raymond shared pictures of the Great Wall of China. The students were intrigued with how long the wall was (it is over 5000



miles long) and how long would it take to walk it. One thought was "a lifetime". A lively discussion ensued and a little math lesson on how many miles a day could one walk. The end result was it could take over 200 days.

Mr. Raymond had the students participate in an interactive exercise to demonstrate the world's population and future census projections. The students learned that over 50% of the world's future population will be either from China or India. It showed

another great reason to learn more about this incredible country.



Mrs. Cavanaugh shared artifacts she borrowed from a friend who had lived in China as a young man. His parents were missionaries there. The students enjoyed seeing the Chinese coins and urns that Mrs. Cavanaugh passed around to the students. Mrs. Cavanaugh shared her personal experience with and passion for the people of China. Mrs. Cavanaugh spoke of the honesty and kindness of the Chinese people.

As much as the students enjoyed seeing the pictures and items that Mr. Raymond and Mrs. Cavanaugh brought, the pair enjoyed sharing them even more. They both noted how much they enjoyed interacting with the students and how engaged they were.

Upcoming sessions:

- Art Around Us: Jack Fix, Deupree House resident
- Know Your Audience: Miner Raymond, Deupree House resident

If you are interested in getting involved in CLLE, call Laura Lamb at the number listed below.

Encourage and enable elders to share their knowledge and talents with school children to reverse any negative aspects of ageism.