

# BELL ACADEMY-SPRINGFIELD



PARTICIPANTS, PARENTS, MENTORS AND TEACHERS RIDING THE CITY BUS TO THE MARY BRYANT HOME FOR THE BLIND.

## Service Field Trip A Hit

We were so excited to offer this new field trip at the NFB BELL Academy-Springfield. We took the opportunity to combine using mass transit, reinforcing our braille reading and giving back to others

in our community. We took Springfield Mass Transit to the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind and read to some of their residents. The residents were so excited to hear the children

reading braille, and do it so well! The participants also decorated and put together gift bags for all 36 residents. The smiles on everyone's faces made the trek through the rain worthwhile.



ASSEMBLING THE GIFT BAGS

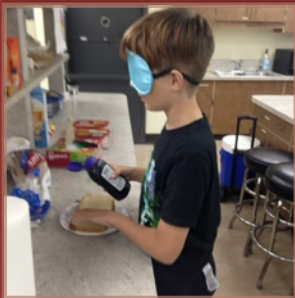


VISITING WITH THE RESIDENTS



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JULY 11-15, 2016



### Top 10 BELL Ringers

1. Parachute Games
2. Service Project
3. Field Trip
4. Muffin Tin Braille
5. Walking Tacos
6. Taking City Bus
7. Improving Cane Skills
8. Identifying Parallel and Perpendicular Traffic
9. Making New Friends
10. YMCA time
10. FANTASTIC MENTORS

## A note from the teachers....

Dear Parents,

We wanted to take a quick moment to thank you for trusting us with your children. We know that encouraging independence is always a nice goal, but often very hard to follow through with. Each of your children have grown in so many ways: socially, emotionally and educationally.

All of the activities planned were designed to encourage braille literacy, skill acquisition or maintenance, and FUN! Please enjoy the book that your child brings home to read with you. We hope that this sparks a continuation of braille reading in your child's life.

Please stay in touch and we hope to see you at BELL 2017!

Amy Lund and Samantha Voll