

Rocky Point Charter School

"Today We Learn, Tomorrow, We Lead"

Expeditionary Learning School

Ms. Norris's Class
&
River Oaks Retirement Community

Present



Rocky Point

Preface

As an Expeditionary Learning School, our curriculum revolves around Learning Expeditions. Learning Expeditions are long-term studies of a single topic in which teachers connect rigorous, standards based learning to include adventure, service and character development. We strive to provide real world educational experiences emphasizing high expectations, learning by doing, character growth, teamwork and literacy.

This book is the result of a Learning Expedition. In this Learning Expedition, the students researched the guiding questions:

What is a hero? Who is a hero? Who are the heroes in my life?

The process began with a whole class, in-depth study of researching the meaning of a hero. Through this in-depth study and research, students discovered that a hero is a person who makes a difference in one's life. Once we discovered the meaning of a hero, we went further into the study. We ventured out into the community to make connections with some of our community heroes as well as to find out who our heroic, older generations considered to be their heroes. We visited residents of River Oaks Retirement Community. We were also interested in making new friends and connecting with the citizens that reside at River Oaks and we wanted to learn about their lives, family and heroes.

The work represented in this book has been edited for spelling and grammar. However, the content represents the knowledge and understanding of each student. We hope you enjoy our students' hard work and authentic artwork. We also hope you enjoy the delightful stories and experiences that provide heartfelt similarities throughout the span of generations of the true heroes that touch our lives.

Finally, we would like to thank River Oaks Retirement Community for welcoming us into their community to share their valuable time and friendship. Their friendship and stories contributed immensely to our students' leaning and helped our students to make meaningful connections to enhance their learning experiences. Thank you for sharing, caring and supporting education!

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My Hero

My hero is my sister Jewel. First of all, she's brave. She's not scared of anything. Also, she is thoughtful because she takes me on walks to the stream. Last, she's helpful, because she sets the table with me. My sister is my hero.

Alisandra

age 7

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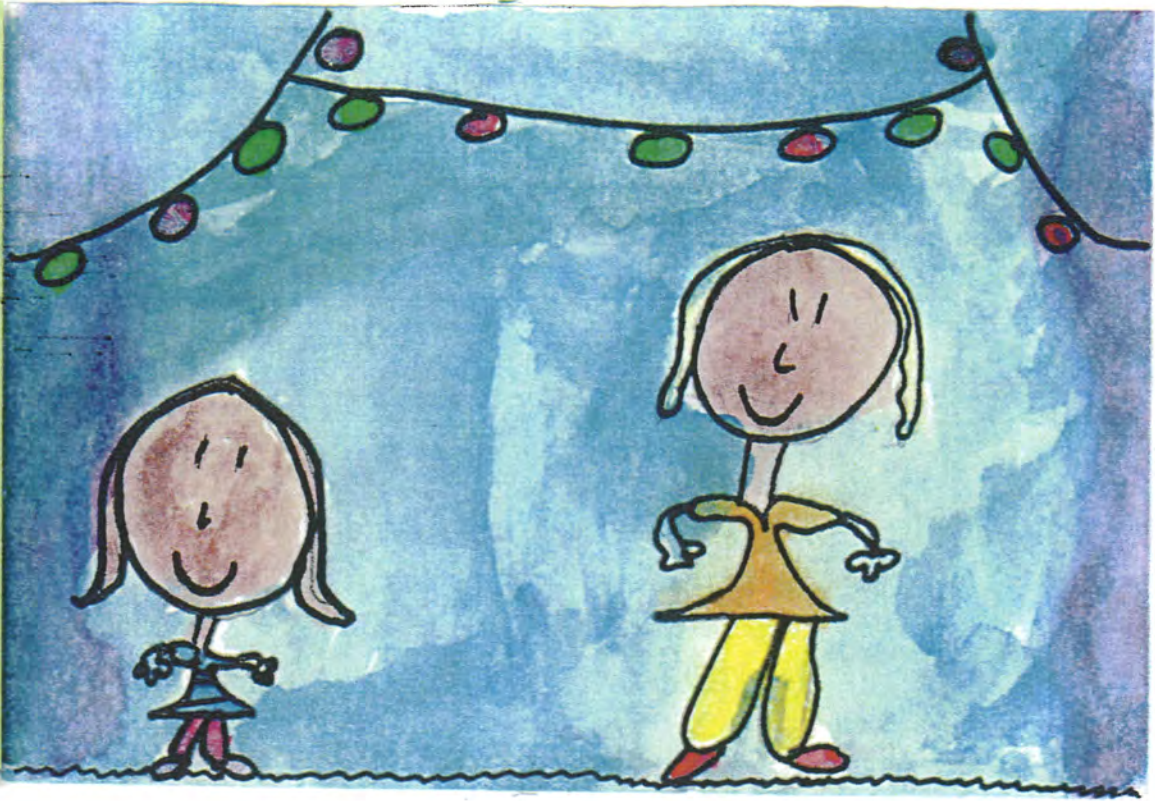


Marion & Alisandra

MY HERO

My hero is Charles Lindbergh because he flew across the ocean.

Marion
101 Years Young



My Hero

My hero is my sister Ashley. First of all, she is nice because she talks to me. We play board games inside. Next, she is helpful because she helps me clean my room and she helps me if I fall. Last, she is very funny, because she scares me, and she makes me jump. My sister is my hero. Lily

Age 6

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Vivian & Lilly

MY HERO

My hero is my mother. She was kind and loving. I had two brothers and four sisters. Unfortunately, my mother died when I was seven years old. I still miss her.

Vivian
88 Years Young



My Hero

My hero is my brother Joshua. To begin, he's helpful. He helps me with my home work. He also gets me out of trouble. Also, my brother is funny. He makes silly jokes, silly faces, he does silly dances. Finally, he protects me and he wants me to be protected. He always keeps an eye on me. My brother is my hero.

Courtney

Age 7

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Lou & Courtney

MY HERO

My hero is my late husband. He was the nicest person I ever knew.

Lou
82 Years Young



My Hero

My hero is my friend Jacob S.
 First, Jacob is nice. He plays Transformers
 With me. Second, he is helpful. He
 helps me when I fall. Finally,
 Jacob is funny. He makes me laugh
 when he tells me a funny joke.
 My friend Jacob S. is my hero.

Byron

Age 6

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Byron & Bob

MY HERO

My hero is General Dwight Eisenhower. He was a good General and citizen.

Bob.
92 Years Young



My Hero

My hero is my friend Gunner. First of all, Gunner is funny. He makes funny faces and he draws funny pictures. Also, Gunner is smart. It's in his name and he is in third grade math. Finally, he is generous. He shares legos with me. Gunner is my hero.

Zachary

Age 9.

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Zachary

& Phil

MY HERO

My hero was my mother.

*Phil
89 Years Young*



My Hero

My hero is my dad. First, my dad is helpful. He protects me from fire. Second, he is nice to me. He talks to me and he plays with me on the swing. Finally, my dad is gentle. He is gentle when he brushes my hair. My dad is my hero.

Abigail

Age 7

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Glendora & Abigail

MY HERO

My heroes are my husband Jack, my father Fred and my cousin Frank. My husband was considerate. My father taught me how to drive. He was a baker. My cousin taught me how to ride a bike. He was very helpful. He would take me to the beach. My father didn't want me to learn to ride the bike or roller skate because he didn't want me to get all scabbed up.

*Glendora
80 Years Young*



My Hero

My mom is my hero. First of all, my mom is nice to me. She makes me cookies. She makes Snicker-doodles. They are good. My mom and I play Life a lot. We have a lot of fun. Also, my mom is very helpful, she helps me with my homework. My mom is funny. She makes me laugh when she tickles me. My mom is my hero.

John

Age 7

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Lillian & John

MY HERO

My hero is Winston Churchill. He was very active in World War II as the Prime Minister of England. He was born in Manchester, England. He was an ambulance driver in London during the war. I think Mr. Churchill did a wonderful job of keeping the Germans out of our country. But, I was bombed out of my apartment three times.

Lillian
89 Years Young



My Hero

My dad is my hero. First, my dad is generous because he makes me popcorn. Also, he earns money for the family. Next, my dad is kind. He helps me clean my room. He cares about me. Finally, he helps me with my home work. My dad is my hero.

Javan

age 7

R o c k y P o i n t

C h a r t e r S c h o o l



Javan

& Estaline

MY HERO

My hero is Jesus and my teacher who taught me to read, write and sing. That is what I wanted to do most in my school and she helped me to learn about the Lord. I could sing songs by myself and I was often asked to do so.

I rode to school on a horse because we lived in the country in Iowa. I had my own horse and I learned to take care of it. When I was ready and could stay by myself, I went to a college named Northwestern. I played a violin and sang many songs on the stage.

I love the mountains and the beautiful trees. I write poems about them. I have enjoyed being with you very much. Good luck and be thankful.

Estaline

102 Years Young



My Hero

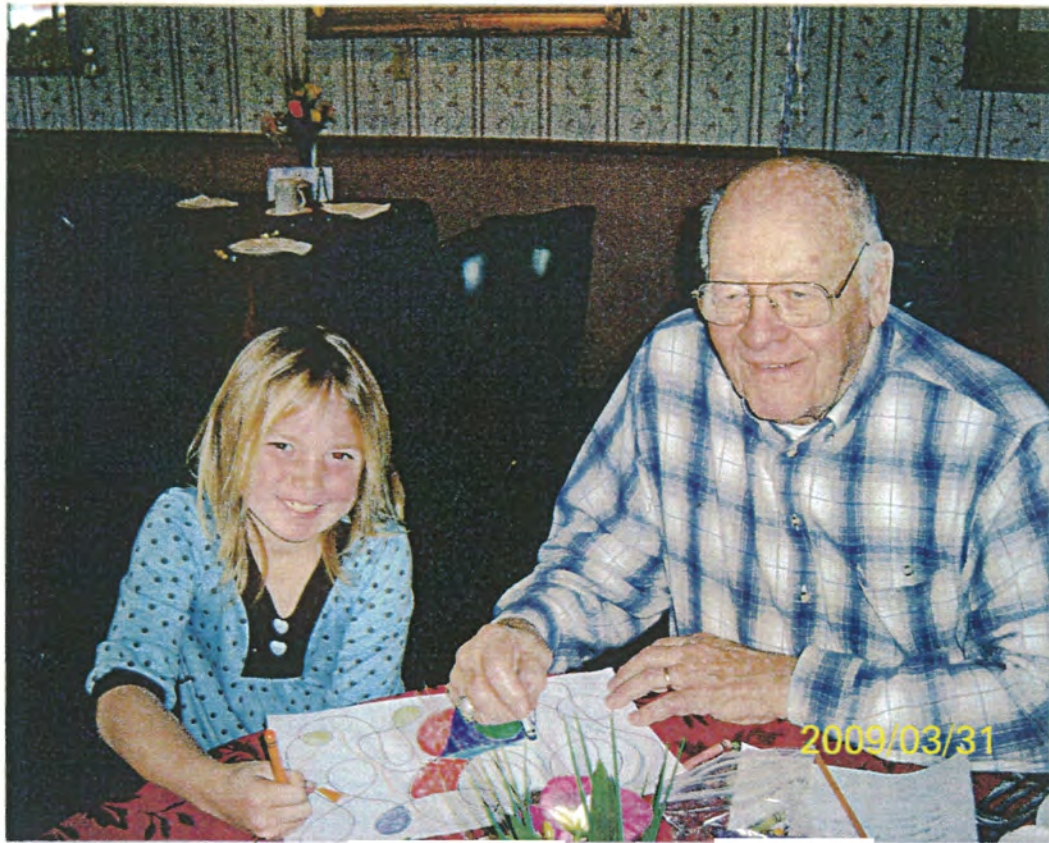
My hero is my dad. To begin with, my dad is helpful because he helps me with my homework. He is always there for me. Also, he is nice. He lets me sleep in the living room and he take me to Kids Kingdom. Finally, he is kind. He lets me have ice cream and he lets me have M&M's. My dad is my hero.

Sydney

age 7

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Sydney

& Jim

MY HERO

My hero is my father who was in World War I in France as a soldier. I spent twenty-one years in the United States Navy. I retired in 1959 as a Chief Petty Officer. I was on four war patrols on the USS Sturgeon SS187 and sank five Japanese ships. I married an Australian girl in 1944 and we have been married for sixty-five years.

Jim
87 Years Young



My Hero

My hero is my friend Taylor. To begin, Taylor is fun because she plays *Varnia*, *Sonic*, *Animorphs*, and *Megamorphs*. Also, Taylor is kind by talking nice and when we start to argue she stops us. Finally, Taylor is smart she knows multiplication and division.

My hero is my friend Taylor.

Adan

age 7

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Flinor

& Aidan

MY HERO

My hero is my son. My son comes to see me each week. He brings me flowers each time.

Flinor

96 Years Young



My Hero

My hero is my best friend Aslan. To begin, he is the funniest guy I know. Once we went to the park and he climbed up on the outside of a bridge from about 11 feet high and jumped off. I couldn't do it though. It would be too freaky. Another reason why he is my hero is because he is fun to be with. Once we went to the park and this girl kept making us mad when we were playing attack so I said, "ATTACK!" and started chasing her. Her friend started kicking me. Then my brother came with a lightsaber and he helped us out, so then it was three against two and finally we won. My hero is my friend Aslan.

Gunner

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Gene & Gunner.

MY HERO

My hero is my father. He was a good man. He was tall, six feet, four inches. People called him, "Slim". He would take me fishing.

Gene
85 Years Young



My Hero

My hero is my mom. To begin with, my mom is kind to me. She is very nice to me. She loves on me by hugging me. This makes me happy. Next, my mom is helpful. She helps me with my homework. She is always there for me. Finally, she always cooperates with me by talking to me all the time. My mom is very nice to me. She helps me a lot. My mom is my hero.

Cheyanna

age 8

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Gracie & Cheyanna

MY HERO

My hero is Kenneth Grafton Bowler. He is a barber and a great bowler. He is lots of fun and a great talker. Kenneth has gray hair and is tall.

Gracie
85 Years Young



MY Hero

My Hero is my Grandma. First, she is respectful to me. She treats me nicely. My Grandma is helpful. She helps me with my homework and she takes care of me. Another reason why she is my hero is my Grandma is very kind. She lets me pet her dogs and she always cares about my grades. My Grandma is so funny she makes me laugh a lot. My hero is my Grandma.

Kateb

Age 8

R o c k y P o i n t

C h a r t e r S c h o o l



Frank & Kaleb

MY HERO

My hero is Frank, my father. He wanted me to be a hard worker, to have good people as friends and to study hard in school. He showed me the difference between right and wrong.

*Frank!
76 Years Young*



My Hero

My mom is my hero. To begin my mom is funny. She makes silly faces. It so wierd. She even makes funny sounds. She makes me laugh. Next, my mom is smart. Sometimes she reads my mind. Last, my mom is kind. She gets m water when I am thirsty, and at night she puts me to bed. My mom is my hero.

Isaac

Age 8

R o c k y P o i n t

C h a r t e r S c h o o l



Ray & Isaac

MY HERO

My hero is my twelfth grade US History and Civics teacher. He taught me how to really pay attention in class. I had ADS (Attention Deficit Syndrome). He taught me how to learn in spite of ADS. It helped me to take the Los Angeles City Fire Department test and become a firefighter for 30 years. I retired in 1972 as a captain. I have been retired for thirty-six years. I live here at River Oaks because I am now ninety years old and I can't do very much anymore.

Ray
90 Years Young



My Hero

My hero is my dad. First of all, he is smart at math. My brother and I are smart too. Also, he's brave. He was in a motorcycle accident and he broke his collar bone. Last, he is generous because he bought me a PSP and a Wii and an Xbox and an Xbox 360. My dad is my hero.

Kain

Age 7

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Louis

& Kain

MY HERO

My hero is my father because he cares for me. Also, my mother is a heroine because she loves me very much too. I have more heroes and I am happy to have known them. First of all, my teachers were my heroes because they taught me so many interesting things at school that are useful in life.

Louis
88 Years Young



My Hero

My hero is my brother Keegan. First of all, he's helpful. He helps me get ready for the fort. Next, he's funny he tries to tick me and then I run away and we both laugh. He's also crazy, he acts like a monkey. Last, he's very nice. He hugs me and kisses me. My brother Keegan is my hero.

Sabrina

age 6

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Norita & Sabrina

MY HERO

My hero is my son, David. He was in the Navy and flew airplanes. The ship he flew from was in Vietnam. Now he lives in Annapolis and trains midshipmen at the Naval Academy.

I was born in Australia. We worried about the Japanese invading Australia. My heroes are also the men and women who defend America. I came to America in January 1945. I traveled around the world with my husband who served twenty years in the United States Navy.

Norita
76 Years Young