Elders Across the Curriculum

English/Language Arts • Discuss: Why should younger people care about elders? • Take dictation and compose letters and other correspondence for elders • Read and discuss a classic text with an elder partner	***Social Studies/History*** • Learn about Medicare, social security, and Medicaid • Establish a current events discussion group with elders at a senior center • Conduct interviews with older people about community history or significant historical events	***Languages*** • Contact senior centers to find elders who are fluent in the language being studied to visit and speak with the class • Compare how elders are regarded by different cultures and countries • Learn about colloquial expressions or proverbs used by elders in the language
Theater, Music, & Visual Arts • Create a dramatic reading of passages written by people of all ages • Learn and perform music enjoyed by a previous generation • Study and learn to do folk or traditional arts from your community or region	Elders	***Math*** • Find out and graph statistics on the population of your region by age • Learn about tax forms and help prepare tax returns for elders • Create a "true or false" survey about elders and find out peer group opinions; create a statistical report and use this to teach others
Physical Education • Learn and teach armchair exercises • Research athletic programs and competitions for elders; observe and cheer participants • Arrange for an intergenerational athletic or exercise experience	***Computer*** • Document elders' memories, pictures, and stories on a Web page • Conduct Internet research on careers in gerontology and geriatrics • Survey seniors about their attitudes toward and their uses of technology	***Science*** • Educate elder people about nutrition • Study health care and dietary needs of elders; compare with those of youth • Plan ahead and grow corsage flowers for a "senior senior" prom