

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

GRANDPARENTS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

A Plan For Pops
by Heather Smith

I Love Saturdays And Domingos
by Alma Flor Ada

Grandma's Purse
by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

When Grandma Gives You A Lemon Tree
by Jamie Deenihan

Grandma's Tiny House
by JaNay Brown-Wood

I Really Want To See You, Grandma
by Tarō Gomi

Around The Table That Grandad Built
by Melanie Hill

Thank You!
by Charo Pita

How To Babysit A Grandpa
by Jean Reagan

Tea With Grandpa
by Barney Saltzberg

Mango, Abuela, And Me
by Meg Medina

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Five Little Grandkids [fingerplay]

Five little grandkids jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped his head.
Grandma called the doctor, and the doctor said:
"No more grandkids jumping on the bed!"

[Verses: Count down to "one little grandkid/they fell off and bumped their head"]

My Grandma/Grandpa [Tune: "The Wheels On The Bus"]

My Grandma bounces me up and down.
Up and down, up and down.
My grandma bounces me up and down,
Because she loves me so.

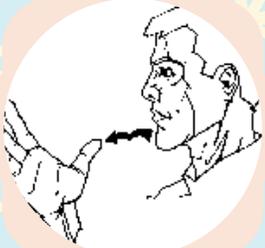
[Verses: swings me side to side; gives me great big hugs]

When I See My Grandparents [Tune: "Itsy Bitsy Spider"]

When I see my grandparents,
This is what I do.
I hop up and give them a great big hug or two!
I'm glad to see my grandparents,
They're glad to see me too.
I give them each a great big smile and tell them,
"I love you!"

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Grandmother"



"Grandfather"



My Grandparents' House

[Tune: "Mary Had A Little Lamb"]

I am going to my grandparents' house,
My grandparents' house, my grandparents' house.
I am going to my grandparents' house,
We'll have lots of fun.

Grandpa likes to bake with me,
Bake with me, bake with me.

Grandpa likes to bake with me.
We'll have lots of fun.

Grandma will read books to me,
Books to me, books to me.

Grandma will read books to me,
We'll have lots of fun.

They'll hug me tight before I go,
Before I go, before I go.

They'll hug me tight before I go,
And say, "We love you so!"

Heart [fingerplay]

I put my hands together,
This is how I start
I curve my fingers right around,
And I can make a heart!

To Grandmother's (Grandfather's) House

[Tune: "Over The River And Through The Woods"]

Over the river and through the woods,
To Grandmother's house we go.
The car knows the way, to go today,
To Grandmother's house -- Hooray, hooray!

"Love Grows One by One" by Carole Stephens ["H.U.M All Year Long," 2003]

"All You Need Is Love" by The Beatles (1967)

MORE FUN!

Then And Now

Materials:

Paper
Writing utensils

Make a list with your child(ren) of 'interview' questions. Examples:

"What kind of games did you play growing up?"
"Did you have any pets? What were their names?"
"What was your first job?"

Then, sit down with your child and one (or more) grandparents for the interview.

Everyone should take turns answering all the questions (even your child!). Let your child try to transcribe the answers even if they're at a pre-writing stage . . . it's good practice, and you can write the more accurate answers next to theirs.

This is a great way for your child to develop a sense of self vs. others and an understanding of past and present. It also makes for a wonderful keepsake for your family.

Grandparents don't have to be biologically related to your child(ren) for your family to benefit from the richness of an intergenerational relationship. Encourage your child(ren) to talk with the older people in their life



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