

Welcome to

Grand Parents DAY

at

Locust Grove
Elementary

September 16-20, 2013



Grand Parents DAY



In 1978,
President Carter
proclaimed
Grandparents
Day as a National
Holiday, to be
celebrated in
September.

Research confirms the importance of grandparents in a child's life. .

Grandparents are a wonderful resource of knowledge and unconditional love.



- Children have a better sense of who they are and where they've come from.
- Children develop higher self-esteem, better emotional and social skills (including an ability to withstand peer pressure), and can even have better grades in school. Children need adult influences in their lives (some research says anywhere from four to six involved, caring adults) to mature.
- Children feel special. They're "spoiled" a little. Believe it or not, research shows this is a good thing. One girl explained it this way: "Grandparents are great because they don't always tell you what you're doing wrong. They just like what you do, any way you do it."
- Children can get undivided time and attention from grandparents that tired, busy parents often can't give them. A six-year-old girl told me, "I love my grandma because she's always happy for me to show her things other people don't bother with."
- Through sharing in a grandparent's interests, skills, and hobbies, children are introduced to new activities and ideas. Grandparents can be very patient, effective teachers. Knowledge, skills, and attitudes children pick up from grandparents tend to stick with them through life more than those picked up from other sources.



So How Can I Help at LGE?



- Listen to small groups reading in the classroom
- Chaperoning field trips
- Demonstrating a special talent or craft such as music, wood working, robotics, cooking, sewing, etc.
- Filing papers, Decorating bulletin boards
- Reading to a class.
- Mentoring!



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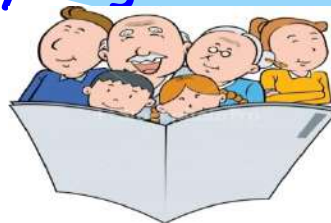
- **30 minutes - One Day a Week**
- **Background Check required**
- **No experience necessary**
- **Training provided (Free)**
- **Activities and materials provided**

*A Grandparent is
a little bit parent,
a little bit teacher,
and a little bit best friend.
-Unknown-*

What Can I Do At Home?

- ❖ Play board or card games that parents might not have time to play. These will promote math, reading, and following directions skills.
- ❖ Share a hobby or interest that is important to you
- ❖ Read stories and poems to help enhance phonemic awareness
- ❖ Do simple arts and crafts to improve fine motor skills
- ❖ Tell your grandchildren stories of when their parent was young (Children love that!)
- ❖ Share traditions by making photo albums or scrapbooking
- ❖ Cook together, for math and science skills

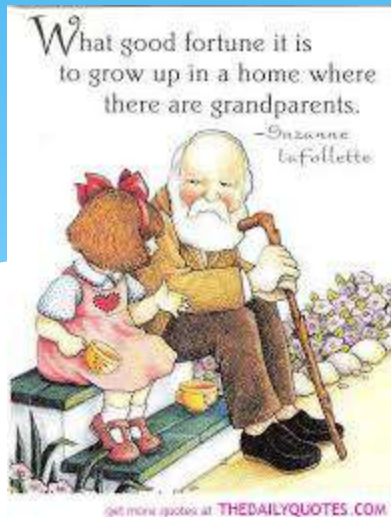
Treasure the value that grandparents can bring to the education of young children.



Grandparents and grandchildren fulfill the role of student and teacher for each other, and it's not always the older person who does the teaching. Children like to feel needed, and they can teach their grandparents lots of things - like how to find some pretty cool stuff on the Internet! Grandchildren also help you see the world anew again, through a child's eyes.



Grandparents have an opportunity to leave a powerful legacy, to make a difference, to send a message into the future through their grandchildren. The relationship can fulfill our need for immortality.



Thank You For Joining Us Today.

We hope you enjoy yourselves as much
As we KNOW the children will enjoy having
YOU here!

A Hundred years From Now
It Will Not Matter
What My Bank Account Was
The Sort of House I lived In
Or the Kind Of Clothes I Wore,
But the World May Be Different Because
I Was Important In the Life Of A Child!