Theme Packets  Grandparents

Rhymes and Fingerplays

**Grandma’s Glasses**
Here are Grandma’s glasses  
And here is Grandma’s hat  
This is the way she folds her hands  
And lays them in her lap.

Here are Grandpa’s glasses  
And here is Grandpa’s hat  
This is the way he folds his arms  
Just like that!

**A Kiss**
There’s something in my pocket.  
Could it be a moose?  
Could it be a train with a bell and a caboose?  
Could it be a snake or some sticky glue?
Right here in my pocket is a kiss from me to you!  
*(blow a kiss)*

**Down on Grandpa’s Farm**
*Chorus:* Oh, we’re on our way, we’re on our way,  
On our way to Grandpa’s farm,  
We’re on our way, we’re on our way,  
On our way to Grandpa’s farm.

*Verses:*  
Down on Grandpa’s farm there is a little red hen,  
Down on Grandpa’s farm there is a little red hen,  
The hen, she makes a sound like this: cluck, cluck!  
The hen, she makes a sound like this: cluck, cluck!  
...there is a little white sheep  
...there is a big brown cow  
...there is a big pink pig  
...there is a big brown horse
*(fill in any other animals you want and ask kids for their ideas)*

**Hello, Grandpa**
Hello, Grandpa  
Hello, Grandpa  
How are you?  
How are you?
You are very special.  
You are very special.
I love you.  
I love you.
*(Repeat this song with Grandma!)*

**Things to do Together**
- Make a small photo album for your child with pictures of the special people in their lives.  
  This is something you could do for them when they are a tiny baby and is a great opportunity for learning language through talking about what’s happening in the pictures and who’s in them.
- Encourage your toddler or preschool-age child to draw a picture of their Grandma or Grandpa (or both!). Ask them to tell you something they like about their Grandparent and write down what they say next to or underneath the drawing.
- Tell family stories to your children—stories from when you were little. Children love to hear these stories and it is a nice tradition to either begin or continue!

**Other Resources**
Salad People and More Real Recipes: a new cookbook  
for preschoolers and up by Mollie Katzen