My Grandma/Mi Abuelita by Ginger Foglesong Guy – A darling story told in Spanish and English about a little boy who flies on an airplane with his family to visit a beloved grandmother. Ages 3-5.

Grandma Comes to Stay by Ifeoma Onyefulu – Stephanie can’t wait for her grandma to come for a visit and she helps get the house ready so grandma will feel at home. Ages 3-5.

OTHER FUN BOOKS ABOUT GRANDMOTHERS:

41 Uses for a Grandma by Harriet Ziefert – Check out #4, 9, and especially 14 – although they are all good. I would say there are even more uses for a grandma! Ages 4-8.

I Call My Grandma Nana by Ashley Wolff – Children around the world talk about their grandmothers including the name for grandma in their home language and some fun traditions grandmas and children they enjoy together. Ages 4-7.

Grandmother and I by Helen E. Buckley – Grandmother’s lap is always the most comforting lap! Ages 3-5.

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena – CJ’s grandmother is an amazing woman who is able to find beauty everywhere she goes and, with her help, CJ begins to appreciate the beauty in his world too. Ages 6-8.

Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina – When Mia’s grandma first comes to live with her family, she does not know any English and Mia does not know any Spanish. But with the help of patience, love, and word cards all over the house, Mia and her grandma learn together. This is a beautiful story about the universal language of love. Ages 5-8.

Nana In the City by Lauren Castillo – A little boy learns to appreciate the city after spending some time with his grandma in her city apartment! Ages 4-6.

Naptime, Laptime by Eileen Spinelli – This would be a great book to share before naptime or bedtime! Ages 2-5.

The Lines on Nana’s Face by Simona Ciraolo – A grandma tells her little granddaughter about each line on her face and how it represents a wonderful memory. Ages 4-6.

Wild Berries by Julie Flett – Clarence and his grandma pick blueberries together in this story told in English but including many words in the Cree language too. Ages 4-6.
Rhymes of the Month

Grandma by Prince Redcloud
When she takes my hand
and begins to sing
I love her more
than
anything.
From the book Lullaby & Kisses Sweet selected by Lee

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!

Learning Ideas for May

Picture Chart and Display
Create a display in your room with pictures of grandmothers and, underneath each picture, write the child’s name for their grandmother (what they call them). It is fun and interesting to look over the chart and see how many different names children in your class have for their grandmothers.

For further learning, create a chart altogether, writing down all the different names for grandmothers across a large piece of paper so children can compare. You could also put a tally next to the number of children who have the same name for their grandmother. Count how many different names for grandma you came up with as a group. This would be a great activity to pair with the book I Call My Grandma Nana by Ashley Wolff.

Share Family Pictures
Send a note home to parents ahead of time asking them to send in a photocopied picture of their child’s grandmother to share. If parents don’t have time to photocopy the pictures, they can send in the original.

Children may also bring in photos of special family friends or neighbors if photos of a grandparent are not available. Give each child the opportunity to share the photo(s) they brought in, and to tell a little something about their grandmother. This could be a fond memory, an interesting fact or even just their name and where they live.

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Our next STARS class is on Saturday, June 10th and the topic is SUMMER LITERACY FUN.