

# Literacy This Week



Yukon Literacy  
Coalition

*We are a society of people dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Yukoners. We do this by building the foundational skills required for lifelong learning; acknowledging that we are all adapting to an everchanging world.*

## ***The 8 Greats of Grandparenting***

**1** Unconditional love and endless cuddle times! Grandparents get to enjoy unconditional love and excitement from their grandchildren. Did you know that a hug and snuggle combined is called a huggle?

**2** Children add a burst of energy to your life. With their endless zest and enthusiasm for everything, you can't help but feel positive and be reminded of the pleasures of life.

**3** Fun, fun, fun! Everyday life has its 'to-do' lists, but when the grandchildren arrive, you can put it on hold and focus on having fun, being silly and enjoying your time together.

**4** Watch your own children become amazing loving, caring, parents! Witnessing this is such a wonderful privilege. A time to pat yourself on the back for raising such an amazing child who followed in your footsteps.

**5** The opportunity to share your own stories and cultural experiences with your grandchildren. You get to tell them stories about what life was like when you were a child and read them your favourite nursery rhymes and bedtime stories.

**6** Grandparents can provide children with a sense of family history and respect for their elders. The joy of being a grandparent has been passed down from generation to generation.

**7** The relationship between children and grandparents... it's the best! A unique relationship that is different from a parent and child. There is nothing quite like it and grandkids will most definitely change grandparents lives for the better, forever.

**8** Other family members or friends can also fill the role of 'grandparent'. While the definition of grandparent is "parents of one's father or mother", this role can be played by another important person in the child's life.



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