

Lamont Books Standing Order

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Teacher Notes and Activities

Lucas and Jack

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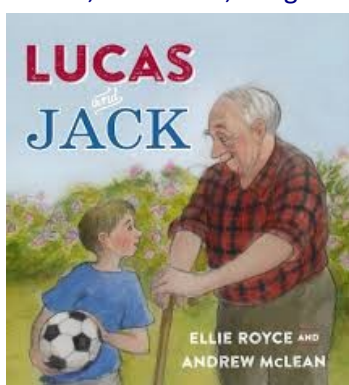
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Picture Book of
the Month

Every week Lucas' mum visits Great Grandpop at the nursing home. And every week Lucas waits for her outside. Waiting is boring! Until Lucas meets Jack. Jack is tricky and Jack is fun, and he is a great storyteller. Lucas & Jack is a great book for introducing young children to the idea that old people can be fun and that deep down we have more in common than we think. More importantly Lucas & Jack encourages children to ask questions, be curious, imaginative and empathetic.



Teacher notes have been taken and adapted from those supplied by the publisher, Working Title Press. A full version is available at www.workingtitlepress.com.au.

Themes:

- Ageing
- Storytelling
- Oral History

Discussion Points and Activities:

- Ask the children if they know anyone who is old – grandparents or great grandparents?
- Do they know what this person does now or what they did when they were younger? If they don't know they can find out by asking the person.
- Ask the children's families to share any interesting stories about past generations and make these stories into a book.
- Have the students ask their family if they have any souvenirs or memorabilia from the past e.g. photos, ballet shoes, detective tools, farm implements, and if there is a story that goes with it. Get the students to talk about their souvenirs and share their stories with the class.
- Invite other older people into your classroom to talk with the children about their past lives. You can include people from the school and local communities.
- If possible establish a relationship with a local nursing home. Invite the residents to visit the Class or find out if you can visit the nursing home with the children. Ask these visitors to share their stories. Find out what songs they used to sing. Learn some of these and sing them with the visitors.
- Everyone has memories and stories to share about what they have done in the past. Tell the children a story about your past. Ask them to tell a story about what they have done in the past.
- Look at the pictures of the people in the story. Talk about how Andrew McLean made people look old – wrinkles, white hair, baldness, wheelchairs, walking sticks.
- Ask the children to draw pictures of people they know who are old. They can draw a picture of what they are like now, and one of them when they were younger.