Grandma's House
WHERE LEARNING IS HALF THE FUN
Arredondo Family Day Care - Facility Number 364845875

Grandma's House Library Learning Adventures
Opening Doors to Knowledge, Independence, and a Lifelong Love of Reading

More Than Books — A World of Discovery!
At Grandma's House, we believe the public library is one of the most valuable learning resources in our community. Our visits to the Chino Public Library introduce children to a world of books, interactive educational experiences, technology, and opportunities for independent discovery. Rather than simply visiting the library to read, we teach children how to use its resources, participate in educational programs, explore their interests, and develop responsibility for borrowed materials.

Our library adventures are designed to grow with each child, from toddlers discovering picture books to school-age children researching topics, completing homework, and becoming confident, independent library users.

How Our Library Learning Program Works
1. Interactive Learning Stations and Exploration
Children explore the library's interactive learning stations and age-appropriate educational activities. These hands-on experiences encourage early literacy, problem-solving, creativity, cognitive development, and independent exploration.

2. Reading Programs and Challenges
We encourage children to participate in library reading programs, seasonal challenges, and literacy activities. Children learn to set reading goals, track their progress, discover new authors, and celebrate their achievements.

For younger children, reading may include listening to stories, identifying pictures, and retelling favorite books. Older children are encouraged to read independently, expand their vocabulary, and explore different genres.

3. Learning How to Find a Book
Children learn that libraries are organized systems of knowledge. Through guided exploration, they discover how to locate books by subject, author, title, or age-appropriate reading section.
As their skills develop, they learn to use library catalogs, recognize book classifications, identify shelf locations, and ask librarians for assistance.

4. Checking Out Books and Caring for Them
Borrowing books is an important lesson in responsibility. Children practice selecting books, understanding the checkout process, keeping track of borrowed materials, handling books carefully, and returning them on time.

These experiences reinforce respect for shared community resources and teach children that borrowing something comes with the responsibility of caring for it.

5. Homework at the Library
Occasionally, our school-age children complete homework assignments at the library. This introduces them to an alternative learning environment where they can practice concentration, independent study, research, and appropriate library etiquette.

Children begin to understand that the library is not simply a place to borrow books — it is a resource they can use throughout their education.

6. Building Library Etiquette and Social Skills
Every visit provides opportunities to practice respectful behavior in a public setting. Children learn to use appropriate voices, respect personal space, follow library guidelines, wait patiently, care for shared equipment, and interact politely with library staff and other visitors.

7. Encouraging Curiosity and Independent Discovery
Children are encouraged to choose books that reflect their interests while also exploring unfamiliar subjects. Whether discovering dinosaurs, animals, science, history, art, or imaginative stories, they learn that questions can lead to exciting discoveries.

A Special Connection to Our Young Authors Program
Our library visits take on an even greater meaning through Grandma's House Young Authors Program.

Children have the opportunity to see books they helped create and publish through Student Treasures donated to the public library.

For a young child, discovering their own published work in a real library is a powerful experience. It connects creativity, literacy, community participation, and personal achievement in a way that few classroom activities can replicate.

They aren't just learning to appreciate books. They're discovering that they can create books worthy of sharing with their community.

What This Means for Your Family
Our library adventures help children develop skills that extend far beyond reading. Your child learns how to independently locate information, select appropriate reading materials, care for borrowed belongings, use community resources responsibly, and develop productive study habits.

Families benefit from children who increasingly view reading as an enjoyable activity rather than simply a school assignment. Library visits also introduce a free community resource your family can continue enjoying together for years to come.

Most importantly, children begin to recognize that learning doesn't end when they leave the classroom — and that the answers to many of their questions may be waiting on a library shelf.

Our Philosophy
We don't just teach children to read books. We teach them how to discover knowledge, respect shared resources, and become lifelong learners.