Pre-Reading

Looking at the book cover, what do you think the story will be about? Where do you think it takes place?

Is Grandpa sleeping? Why do you think he’s smiling?

What’s Lizzie holding? What is it used for?

Is Lizzie happy? Sad? Angry?

Language Arts

What is an antique shop? Are there any new items for sale?

Why do you think old items are more valuable? What types of things would you pay a lot of money for?

Lizzie is watching the store until her mother returns. Where could her mother be? Do you think it’s okay for Lizzie to mind the store while she’s gone?

Does Mrs. Larchmont look like someone with a lot of money? What do you think her house might look like? Her neighborhood? Her car?

Why do you think Mrs. Larchmont wants to buy Grandpa? Why won’t Lizzie sell him? Would you sell your grandpa?

Why do you think the illustrations are in both color and black and white?
Math

What time is on the grandfather clock? How much time do you think passes during the story?

How many times do these items appear in the book? Clocks, cups, umbrellas, price tags

How many ovals are on the tree house?

How many balls is the clown juggling near the roller coaster? How many would he have if he dropped two? How many if he dropped four?

How much money would Lizzie make if she sold two items for three dollars each?

Mrs. Larchmont offers more and more money for Grandpa. Connect the words in column A to the numbers in column B.

| Five hundred | $5,000 |
| One thousand  | $500  |
| Five thousand | $10,000 |
| Ten thousand  | $50,000 |
| Fifty thousand| $1,000 |

Science

A thaumatrope uses optical illusion to trick your eyes into seeing what’s not there. Make a thaumatrope with the pictures of Giselle and her doghouse.

Materials: a pencil, glue stick, crayons or markers

Cut out the pictures, color them, then glue them back to back just below the pencil’s eraser. Twirl the pencil to see these two separate pictures blend into one.
Dramatic Play

Using a toy cash register, act out the story. Use your imagination to come up with other things Lizzie could dream about buying.

Music

_to the tune of “How Much is that Doggie in the Window?”_

How much is that grandpa in the window?
The one with the smile on his face.
We all know that grandfathers are priceless,
And awfully hard to replace.

Lizzie’s Ice Cream Dreamwiches

**Ingredients:**
- 18 whole graham crackers
- 7 ounce jar of marshmallow creme
- 18½ ounce jar of thick chocolate fudge topping
- ½ gallon vanilla ice cream, slightly softened

Break graham crackers in half to form 36 squares.
On cookie sheets, spread top side of 18 graham crackers with marshmallow creme.
Spread top side of remaining crackers with chocolate fudge.
Freeze 30 minutes until sauces are hardened.

Place 1 scoop of softened ice cream on top of marshmallow-coated cracker.
Top ice cream scoop with chocolate-coated cracker, chocolate side down,
to form sandwich. Press down lightly.