

*Read the following poems and complete the exit slip as you analyze and reflect on their meanings.*

### **The Little Boy and the Old Man by Shel Silverstein**

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."  
Said the old man, "I do that too."  
The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."  
"I do that too," laughed the little old man.  
Said the little boy, "I often cry."  
The old man nodded, "So do I."  
"But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems  
Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."  
And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.  
"I know what you mean," said the little old man.

### **The Little Boy and the Old Man Story**

"Grandad, Grandad!" the little boy called as he trailed after his grandad who was walking in the nursing home garden. "Grandad, help me!"  
His grandfather turned and smiled whilst saying "Yes William what do you need help with?" as they sat on a bench near a border packed with Petunias. "What is it William?" he asked with a smile upon his face.

"Oh Grandad" William sighed, "Today hasn't been a very good day at all. First I wet my pants, and Max laughed at me!"

"Oh dear" Grandad said, "But don't worry! I did too!"

"But Grandad then I cried, and Max says big boys don't cry!" William screeched right in his grandad ear. Suddenly William's grandad laughed and whispered, "But William, I cry all the time! In fact I am crying now!" William gasped, " You are granddad! Why?" Grandfather whispered softly "Sometimes William, tears aren't only for when you are sad, they appear when you are happy too." Then the little boy and the old man sat hand in hand content in the afternoon sunshine.

### **Exit Slip Reflection**

Explain the overarching message that both of these poems are trying to convey.

Write a summary of 3 things the young and old have to offer each other...



2 Reasons why should you care about ageism....

1 thing both older and younger people can do together to help stop ageism...

