

## Grand River outlet offers great deals, fashion for kids



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*(Back) Mae Neil, Alex St. John, (front) Julia Petty and McKenzie St. John show off fall styles with Fashion and Style Expert Lilliana Vazquez. photo credit: Myrna Moline*

According to Fashion and Style Expert Lilliana Vazquez, now is the perfect time to get great deals for kids' wardrobes at The Outlet Shops of Grand River in Leeds where stores like Gap, Justice and VF Outlet offer up to 65 percent off.

"Look for items that can last two or three seasons and that don't go out of style," said Vazquez. "The last thing you want to do is spend too much on clothing that won't last you."

This is great news for Shannon Johnson, mom of two, who still needs a few items to complete her kids' fall wardrobe. Shannon's daughter Auriel, 8, is a young fashionista who loves to show off her feminine side. "She likes dresses and tights," said Johnson. "She loves to dress like a little girl."

Vazquez said jeggings are ideal for girly girls like Auriel, who adores anything Justin Bieber. "Jeggings are super cute. She can dress them up or down. And they can go from school to play."

While parents will ultimately get the final word on purchases, it is great to have kids contribute their opinions, added Vazquez. "Allow them to pick out graphic tees [for example], so that they begin to develop their own sense of style."

Johnson is looking forward to finding good buys at The Children's Place, which is one of her favorite places to shop for Auriel and her 1-year-old Karmello.

Vazquez said she should look for wardrobe staples like dark denim for him and skinny legs for her, as well as trendy styles in college themes and preppy chic. "Regardless of if you have a 5-year-old or an 11-year-old, you can definitely find things here," she said. "It's one-stop shopping."

