
WIT & WISDOM PARENT TIP SHEET

WHAT IS MY KINDERGARTEN STUDENT LEARNING IN MODULE 1?

Wit & Wisdom is our English curriculum. It builds knowledge of key topics in history, science, and literature through the study of excellent texts. By reading and responding to stories and nonfiction texts, we will build knowledge of the following topics:

Module 1: The Five Senses

Module 2: Once Upon a Farm

Module 3: America Then and Now

Module 4: The Continents

In this first module, we will study the five senses. Studying the five senses lays a foundation for knowledge of human biology. We will learn how we see, hear, taste, touch, and smell as we ask the question: *How do our senses help us to learn?*

OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE BOOKS:

Picture Books (Informational)

- *My Five Senses*, Aliko
- *My Five Senses*, Margaret Miller
- *Rap a Tap Tap*, Leo and Diane Dillon

Picture Books (Literary)

- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault; illustrations, Lois Ehlert
- *Last Stop on Market Street*, Matt de la Pena; illustrations, Christian Robinson

Articles

- "Great Depression," Children's Encyclopedia
- "The Harlem Renaissance," Brian Brown

OUR CLASS WILL WATCH THESE VIDEOS:

- “Bojangles Step Dance”
- “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom”
- “Eight-Year-Old Tap Prodigy Little Luke”

OUR CLASS WILL EXAMINE THESE PAINTINGS:

- *Flower Day*, Diego Rivera
- *Le Gourmet*, Pablo Picasso

OUR CLASS WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

- What are our five senses?
- How do people use their senses to learn about the world?
- How does CJ use his senses to learn about the world in *Last Stop on Market Street*?
- How do our senses help us learn from *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*?
- How do our senses help us learn from *Rap a Tap Tap*?
- How do our senses help us learn?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AT HOME:

As you read with your Kindergarten student, ask:

- *What do you notice and wonder?*

BOOKS TO READ AT HOME:

- *Geraldine, the Music Mouse*, Leo Lionni
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* Eric Carle
- *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* Bill Martin Jr.
- *The Listening Walk*, Paul Showers
- *Drum Dream Girl*, Margarita Engle
- *Hello Ocean*, Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Rain*, Manya Stojic
- *Owl Moon*, Jane Yolen
- *Snowy Day*, Ezra Jack Keats

- *The Fur Family*, Margaret Wise Brown
- *Every Second Something Happens: Poems for the Mind and the Senses*, Christine San Jose

PLACES YOU CAN VISIT TO TALK ABOUT THE FIVE SENSES:

Visit an art museum or art exhibit together. Take time to look at the art and ask:

- *What are you wondering about the five senses after looking at this art?*
- *What do you notice?*
- *What's happening in this work of art?*
- *How do people use their senses to learn about the world?*