
WIT & WISDOM PARENT TIP SHEET

WHAT IS MY FIRST GRADE 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: A World of Books

Module 2: Creature Features

Module 3: Powerful Forces

Module 4: Cinderella Stories

In this first module, *A World of Books*, we will study the power of books and libraries around the world. Some people have climbed mountains just to find books. Others have trekked to libraries on boats or even on elephants. In this module, we will ask the question: *How do books—and the knowledge they bring—change lives around the world?*

OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE BOOKS:

Picture Books, (Informational)

- *Museum ABC*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- *My Librarian Is a Camel*, Margriet Ruurs

Picture Books, (Literary)

- *Tomás and the Library Lady*, Pat Mora and Raul Colon
- *Waiting for the Biblioburro*, Monica Brown and John Parra
- *That Book Woman*, Heather Henson and David Small
- *Green Eggs and Ham*, Dr. Seuss

OUR CLASS WILL WATCH THESE VIDEOS:

- “Biblioburro: The Donkey Library,” Ebonne Ruffins, CNN
- “Pack Horse Librarians,” SLIS Storytelling

OUR CLASS WILL EXAMINE THIS PAINTING:

- *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*, Grant Wood

OUR CLASS WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

- How do library books change life for Tomás?
- How does the Biblioburro change life for Ana?
- How do people around the world get books?
- How does the packhorse librarian change life for Cal?
- How do books change my life?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AT HOME:

As you read with your first grade student, ask:

- *What do you notice and wonder?*

BOOKS TO READ AT HOME:

- *Poppleton*, Cynthia Rylant
- *Rain School*, James Rumford
- *Library Lion*, Michelle Knudsen
- *Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books*, Kay Winters
- *Thank You Mr. Falker*, Patricia Polacco
- *Wild about Books*, Judy Sierra
- *The Library*, Sarah Stewart

PLACES YOU CAN VISIT TO TALK ABOUT BOOKS:

Visit the local library together. Ask the librarian:

- *What is the history of the library?*
- *When was the library built?*
- *Who built the library?*
- *How many people visit the library each year?*
- *What programs does the library offer?*