
WIT & WISDOM PARENT TIP SHEET

WHAT IS MY THIRD 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: The Sea

Module 2: Outer Space

Module 3: A New Home

Module 4: Artists Make Art

In this first module, *The Sea*, we will study why people explore the sea. Poets and writers explore the sea through words and images. Scientists use technology to discover new species. We will explore literature, informational text, and art as we ask the question: *Why do people explore the sea?*

OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE BOOKS:

Picture Book (Informational)

- *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau*, Dan Yaccarino
- *Giant Squid: Searching for a Sea Monster*, Mary M. Cerullo and Clyde F. E. Roper
- *Shark Attack!*, Cathy East Dubowski

Picture Book (Literary)

- *Amos & Boris*, William Steig

Poetry

- “The Sea Wind,” Sara Teasdale

Stories

- “The Lion and the Mouse,” The Full Text of Aesop’s Fables

OUR CLASS WILL EXAMINE THESE WORKS OF ART:

- *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*, Katsushika Hokusai
- *The Boating Party*, Mary Cassatt
- *The Gulf Stream*, Winslow Homer

OUR CLASS WILL WATCH THESE FILMS:

- “Cousteau’s Silent World: Shipwreck Excerpt”
- “Quest for the Giant Squid”
- “Sperm Whale Encounter”
- “Why the Ocean Matters”

OUR CLASS WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

- How do artists explore the sea?
- Why and how do scientists explore the sea?
- Why and how do scientists explore sea creatures?
- Why do people explore the sea?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AT HOME:

As you read with your third grade student, ask:

- *What do you notice and wonder?*

BOOKS TO READ AT HOME:

- *Extreme Oceans*, Seymour Simon
- *National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of the Ocean*, Catherine Hughes
- *Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea*, Steve Jenkins
- *A Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle*, Claire A. Nivola
- *Shark Lady: True Adventures of Eugenie Clark*, Ann McGovern
- *Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau*, Jennifer Berne
- *Tentacles! Tales of the Giant Squid*, Shirley Raye Raymond
- *Surprising Sharks: Read and Wonder*, Nicola Davies
- *Sharks*, Seymour Simon

- *National Geographic Readers: Weird Sea Creatures*, Laura Marsh
- *Giant Squid*, Candace Fleming
- *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea*, Janet Halfmann

PLACES YOU CAN VISIT TO TALK ABOUT THE SEA:

Visit the local zoo or aquarium. Ask:

- *What do you notice about the environment?*
- *What do you wonder about the animals?*