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# WIT & WISDOM PARENT TIP SHEET

## WHAT IS MY THIRD GRADE STUDENT LEARNING IN MODULE 2?

*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 second module, *Outer Space*, we will study how people have learned about space through history. By reading books and examining art, students explore our fascination with the cosmos, asking, *How do people learn about space?*

## OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE BOOKS:

### **Picture Book (Informational)**

- *Moonshot*, Brian Floca
- *One Giant Leap*, Robert Burleigh
- *Starry Messenger*, Peter Sís

### **Picture Book (Literary)**

- *Zathura*, Chris Van Allsburg

### **Articles**

- “Galileo’s Starry Night,” Kelly Terwilliger
- “Greek Myths,” American Museum of Natural History
- “Apollo 11: The Eagle Has Landed,” Leigh Anderson

### **Stories**

- “Pegasus and Perseus,” Anonymous
- “Pegasus and Bellerophon,” Anonymous
- “Callisto and her Son,” Anonymous

## OUR CLASS WILL EXAMINE THESE WORKS OF ART:

- *Starfield*, Vija Celmins
- *Space Object Box*, Joseph Cornell

## OUR CLASS WILL WATCH THESE FILMS:

- “CBS News Moon Landing Coverage with Walter Cronkite (7/20/1969)”
- “Moon 101,” National Geographic

## OUR CLASS WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

- How did Galileo learn about space?
- How did the astronauts of Apollo 11 learn about space?
- How do artists and writers help people learn about space?

## QUESTIONS TO ASK AT HOME:

As you read with your third grade student, ask:

- *What’s happening?*
- *What does a closer look at words and illustrations reveal about this text’s deeper meaning?*

## BOOKS TO READ AT HOME

- *The Planet Gods*, Jacqueline Mitton
- *Once Upon a Starry Night*, Jacqueline Mitton
- *The Little Prince*, Antoine de Saint Exupery
- *The Moon*, Seymour Simon
- *Boy, Were We Wrong About the Solar System!*, Kathleen V. Kudlinski
- *Find the Constellations*, H. A. Rey
- *Next Time You See the Moon*, Emily Morgan
- *If You Decide to Go to the Moon*, Faith McNulty
- *Reaching for the Moon*, Buzz Aldrin
- *Footprints on the Moon*, Alexandra Siy
- *This is the Way to the Moon*, Miroslav Sasek
- *The Planets*, Time for Kids
- *The Zoo in the Sky*, Jacqueline Mitton

- *Meteor*, Patricia Polacco
- *The Moon Over Star*, Dianna Hutts Aston
- *Space*, Mary Pope and Will Osborne
- *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon*, Catherine Timmes
- *Moonwalk: The First Trip to the Moon*, Judy Donnelly

## IDEAS FOR TALKING ABOUT SPACE:

Go outside after dark together. Look up at the night sky and ask:

- *What do you notice and wonder about space?*
- *What constellations do you see?*
- *Would you travel to space if you could? Why or why not?*

