
WIT & WISDOM PARENT TIP SHEET

WHAT IS MY KINDERGARTEN STUDENT LEARNING IN MODULE 4?

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 the fourth module, *The Continents*, we will study characteristics of the seven continents to learn more about the world and understand the similarities and differences amongst the continents. As we explore each continent, we ask the question: *What makes the world fascinating?*

OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE BOOKS:

Picture Books (Informational)

- *Africa*, Rebecca Hirsch
- *Antarctica*, Rebecca Hirsch
- *Asia*, Rebecca Hirsch
- *Australia*, Rebecca Hirsch
- *Europe*, Rebecca Hirsch
- *Introducing North America*, Chris Oxlade
- *South America*, Rebecca Hirsch
- *World Atlas*, Nick Crane

Picture Books (Literary)

- *Moon Rope*, Lois Ehlert
- *The Story of Ferdinand*, Munro Leaf
- *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale*, Verna Aardema

OUR CLASS WILL READ THIS ARTICLE:

- “5 Reasons Why Animal Moms Are Awesome,” April Capochino Myers

OUR CLASS WILL EXAMINE THIS PAINTING:

- *Carta Marina*, Olaus Magnus

OUR CLASS WILL VISIT THIS WEB PAGE:

- “Americas–Fact Files,” *Go Wild*

OUR CLASS WILL READ THIS POEM:

- “Lions Roar,” *CanTeach*

OUR CLASS WILL LISTEN TO THESE SONGS

- “Penguin Song,” *Preschool Education*
- “Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?” from Smithsonian Folkways” Smithsonian Folkways

OUR CLASS WILL WATCH THESE VIDEOS:

- “Antarctic Sights and Sounds,” James Napoli
- “Burkina Faso: Music,” *Our Africa*
- “Explore Views of the Burj Khalifa with Google Maps,” Google Maps
- “The Seven Continents Song,” Silly School Songs
- “Storm-Proofing the World’s Biggest Mud Building,” BBC Earth
- “Traditional Chinese Dance–‘Flowers Contend in Beauty’ by Li Qian, Lin Chen...”

OUR CLASS WILL VIEW THESE PHOTOGRAPHS

- *Earth from Space*, Stöckli, Reto, et al.
- “Patterns of Chinchero,” *Descendants of the Incas*

OUR CLASS WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

- What interesting things can people do in Europe and Asia?
- What interesting natural features can people see in Africa and Antarctica?
- How can a story transport you to a different place?
- What amazing animals can people see in South America and Australia?
- Why might people want to visit North America?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AT HOME:

As you read with your Kindergarten student, ask:

- How does this text build your knowledge of the continents? Share what you know about the continents.

BOOKS TO READ AT HOME:

- *Koala Lou*, Mem Fox
- *Ganesha's Sweet Tooth*, Emily Haynes
- *Life Story*, Virginia Lee Burton
- *Animal Architects: Amazing Animals Who Build Their Homes*, Daniel Nasser
- *Follow the Dream: The Story of Christopher Columbus*, Peter Sís
- *Tikki Tikki Tembo*, Arlene Mosel
- *The Barefoot Book of Animal Tales*, Naomi Adler
- *Introducing Antartica*, Anita Ganeri
- *Introducing Asia*, Anita Ganeri
- *Introducing Australia*, Anita Ganeri
- *Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah*, Laurie Ann Thompson
- *Wee Gillis*, Munro Leaf
- *Charles Darwin's Around the World Adventure*, Jennifer Thermes

PLACES YOU CAN VISIT TO TALK ABOUT THE WORLD:

Visit a natural history museum and circulate through aspects of different cultures and continents. Ask:

- What do you notice and wonder about the animals, art, and artifacts of this continent?
- How does life in this place seem similar to and different from your life?
- Imagine visiting this place in person. What might you do if you went there? What things would you like to see? What animals would you like to see? What questions do you have about this place?