

WHAT IS MY GRADE 1 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: *A World of Books*

Module 2: *Creature Features*

Module 3: *Powerful Forces*

Module 4: *Cinderella Stories*

In Module 2, we will study the unique features of animals. We will ask these questions: What makes animals so fascinating? How do we observe, learn about, and engage with animals? How are the features of animals' bodies and behavior similar to and different from one another?

OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE BOOKS

Picture Books (Informational)

- *Me...Jane*, Patrick McDonnell
- *Never Smile at a Monkey*, Steve Jenkins
- *Sea Horse: The Shyest Fish in the Sea*, Chris Butterworth and John Lawrence
- *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

Picture Books (Literary)

- *Seven Blind Mice*, Ed Young

Fables

- "The Hare & the Tortoise," *Aesop's Fables*
- "The Ants & the Grasshopper," *Aesop's Fables*

OUR CLASS WILL WATCH THIS VIDEO

- "Pygmy Sea Horses: Masters of Camouflage," *Deep Look* (2014)

OUR CLASS WILL EXAMINE THESE PAINTINGS

- *Young Hare*, Albrecht Dürer (1502)
- *The Snail*, Henri Matisse (1953)

OUR CLASS WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS

- What lessons can we learn through stories about animals?
- How did Jane Goodall make discoveries about animals?
- How do sea horses use their unique features?
- How do animals use the same feature in unique ways?
- How do animals use their unique features in unexpected ways?
- What can we discover about animals' unique features?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AT HOME

As you read with your Grade 1 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

- *Olinguito, from A to Z!*, Lulu Delacre
- *The Iridescence of Birds: A Book about Henri Matisse*, Patricia MacLachlan
- *Creature Features*, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- *The Circus Ship*, Chris Van Dusen
- *Henri's Scissors*, Jeanette Winter
- *Sisters and Brothers: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World*, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- *How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships*, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- *My First Day*, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- *The Fantastic Jungles of Henri Rousseau*, Michelle Markel
- *Where in the Wild?: Camouflaged Creatures Concealed ... and Revealed*, David M. Schwartz and Yael Schy
- *Where Else in the Wild?*, David M. Schwartz and Yael Schy
- *Unusual Creatures: A Mostly Accurate Account of Some of Earth's Strangest Animals*, Michael Hearst
- *Furs, Fins, and Feathers: Abraham Dee Bartlett and the Invention of the Modern Zoo*, Cassandre Maxwell
- *The Cat and the Bird: A Children's Book Inspired by Paul Klee*, Géraldine Elschner
- *Lives of the Artists: Masterpieces, Messes (and What the Neighbors Thought)*, Kathleen Krull
- *A Bird or Two: A Story about Henri Matisse*, Bijou Le Tord
- *Starfish*, Edith Thacher Hurd
- *Sharks*, Kate Riggs
- *Amazing Animals: Dolphins*, Kate Riggs
- *Gentle Giant Octopus*, Karen Wallace
- *Surprising Sharks*, Nicola Davies
- *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau*, Dan Yaccarino

- *Big Blue Whale*, Nicola Davies
- *Giant Squid: Mystery of the Deep*, Jennifer Dussling
- *Amazing Animals: Cheetahs*, Kate Riggs
- *Amazing Animals: Elephants*, Kate Riggs
- *Walk with a Wolf*, Janni Howker
- *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest*, Steve Jenkins
- *A Tower of Giraffes: Animals in Groups*, Anna Wright
- *The Happy Lion*, Louise Fatio
- *Unlovable*, Dan Yaccarino
- *Inch by Inch*, Leo Lionni
- *Amazing Animals: Eagles*, Kate Riggs
- *Grasshopper on the Road*, Arnold Lobel
- *Fireflies!*, Julie Brinckloe
- *Bat Loves the Night*, Nicola Davies
- *Yucky Worms*, Vivian French
- *Chameleons Are Cool*, Martin Jenkins
- *The Beetle Book*, Steve Jenkins
- *Behold the Beautiful Dung Beetle*, Cheryl Bardoe

PLACES YOU CAN VISIT TO TALK ABOUT ANIMALS

Visit a zoo, farm, or pet shop together. Ask:

- What do you notice and wonder about the animals?
- What are some of the unique features of this animal?
- How does this animal use these unique features?

You could ask these same questions at home about a family pet.