

## WHAT IS MY GRADE 1 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 Module 1, 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 Colón
- *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 Grade 1 student, ask:

- What do you notice and wonder?

### BOOKS TO READ AT HOME

- *Roger is Reading a Book*, Koen Van Biesen
- *Poppleton*, Cynthia Rylant
- *Rain School*, James Rumford
- *Library Lion*, Michelle Knudsen
- *Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books*, Kay Winters
- *Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia*, Jeanette Winter
- *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*, William Joyce
- *Thank You, Mr. Falker*, Patricia Polacco
- *The Stone Lion*, Margaret Wild
- *Bats at the Library*, Brian Lies
- *Wild about Books*, Judy Sierraq
- *The Library*, Sarah Stewart
- *You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Books!*, Alex Woolf

### PLACES YOU CAN VISIT TO TALK ABOUT THE WORLD

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?