
WIT & WISDOM PARENT TIP SHEET

WHAT IS MY SECOND 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: A Season of Change

Module 2: American West

Module 3: Civil Rights Heroes

Module 4: Good Eating

In this first module, *A Season of Change*, we will study how the world changes every season. We will observe the colors, textures, and causes in the cycle of the seasons and consider paintings of rainy, sunny, and snow-covered landscapes. We will discover how change affects us all.

OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE BOOKS:

Picture Books (Informational)

- *How Do You Know It's Fall?*, Lisa M. Herrington
- *Why Do Leaves Change Color?*, Betsy Maestro

Picture Books (Literary)

- *The Little Yellow Leaf*, Carin Berger
- *A Color of His Own*, Leo Lionni
- *Sky Tree*, Thomas Locker

Poems

- "Weather," Eve Merriam

OUR CLASS WILL EXAMINE THESE PAINTINGS:

- *Autumn Landscape*, Maurice de Vlaminck
- *Bathers at Asnières*, Georges Seurat

- *Hunters in the Snow*, Pieter Bruegel the Elder
- *Paris Street, Rainy Day*, Gustave Caillebotte

OUR CLASS WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

- What changes in “Weather”?
- How do changes in fall weather impact people and nature?
- How does the Little Yellow Leaf change?
- How does the chameleon change?
- How does weather impact leaves in fall?
- How does *Sky Tree* show the cycle of seasons?
- How does change impact people and nature?

QUESTIONS TO ASK AT HOME:

As you read with your second grade student, ask:

- *What do you notice and wonder?*

BOOKS TO READ AT HOME:

- *The Longest Day: Celebrating the Summer*, Wendy Pfeffer
- *The Shortest Day: Celebrating the Winter*, Wendy Pfeffer
- *Poppleton in Winter*, Cynthia Rylant
- *Frog and Toad All Year*, Arnold Lobel
- *Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days*, Cynthia Rylant
- *Snow*, Cynthia Rylant
- *Over and Under the Snow*, Kate Messner

PLACES YOU CAN VISIT TO TALK ABOUT THE SEASONS:

Take a walk in the park together. Ask:

- *What do you notice about the leaves on the trees?*
- *What animals have we seen in the park?*
- *What do you wonder about the animals during this season?*
- *What is your favorite part about being outside during this season?*