

MODULE 1

FIRST GRADE

What's Happening in English Language Arts Class?

Your child's class will use Wit & Wisdom as our English Language Arts curriculum. By reading and responding to excellent fiction and nonfiction, your student will learn about key history, science, and literature topics.



A WORLD OF BOOKS

In this first module, *A World of Books*, we will study the power of books and libraries around the world. Some people have climbed mountains just to find books. Others have used boats or even on elephants to get to libraries. In this module, we will ask: How do books—and the knowledge they bring—change lives around the world?

OUR CLASS WILL
READ THESE BOOKS:



Nonfiction Picture Books

- *Museum ABC* by The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- *My Librarian Is a Camel* by Margriet Ruurs

Fiction Picture Books

- *Tomás and the Library Lady* by Pat Mora and Raul Colon
- *Waiting for the Biblioburro* by Monica Brown and John Parra
- *That Book Woman* by Heather Henson and David Small
- *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss

OUR CLASS WILL
LOOK AT THIS
PAINTING:



- [The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere](#), Grant Wood

Find all the links online at <http://bit.ly/witwisdom1st>



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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?

OUR CLASS WILL WATCH THESE VIDEOS:



- [“Biblioburro: The Donkey Library,”](#) Ebonne Ruffins, CNN
- [“Pack Horse Librarians,”](#) SLIS Storytelling

VOCABULARY

For their tests, your child should know the meaning of each word. They should also know how to use each word in a sentence:

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| • Borrow | • Scholar |
| • Eager | • Portrait |
| • Imagination | • Duck |
| • Migrant | • Landscape |
| • Inspire | • Signs |
| • Remote | • Still life |
| • Mobile | |

