

MODULE 1

KINDERGARTEN

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.

The Five Senses

In this first module, we will study the five senses. Studying the five senses will help your child start to learn about human biology. We will learn how we see, hear, taste, touch, and smell. As a class, we will ask: How do our senses help us to learn?



OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE BOOKS:



Nonfiction Picture Books

- *My Five Senses* by Aliki
- *My Five Senses* by Margaret Miller
- *Rap a Tap Tap* by Leo and Diane Dillon

Fiction Picture Books

- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault with pictures by Lois Ehlert
- *Last Stop on Market Street*, by Matt de la Pena with pictures by Christian Robinson

OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE ARTICLES:



- "[Great Depression](#)," Children's Encyclopedia
- "[The Harlem Renaissance](#)" by Brian Brown

OUR CLASS WILL WATCH THESE VIDEOS:



- "[Bojangles Step Dance](#)"
- "[Chicka Chicka Boom Boom](#)"
- "[Eight-Year-Old Tap Prodigy Little Luke](#)"



Painting by Diego Rivera

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



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OUR CLASS WILL VIEW THESE PAINTINGS:



- [Flower Day](#) by Diego Rivera
- [Le Gourmet](#) by Pablo Picasso

OUR CLASS WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS:



- What are our five senses?
- How do people use their senses to learn about the world?
- In the book, Last Stop on Market Street, how does CJ use his senses to learn about the world?
- What does the video, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, show about how our senses help us learn?
- What does the book, Rap a Tap Tap, show about how our senses help us learn?
- How do our senses help us learn?



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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| • Shadow | • More |
| • Piano | • Enjoy |
| • Whisper | • Coin |
| • City | • Closed |
| • Feeling | • Greet |
| • Senses | • Stopped |
| • Alphabet | • Rhyme |



Stamp of Original Painting by Pablo Picasso