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 WATCH THESE VIDEOS:
- “Bojangles Step Dance”
- “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom”
- “Eight-Year-Old Tap Prodigy Little Luke”

OUR CLASS WILL READ THESE ARTICLES:
- “Great Depression,” Children’s Encyclopedia
- “The Harlem Renaissance” by Brian Brown

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

Painting by Diego Rivera
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:

- Shadow
- Piano
- Whisper
- City
- Feeling
- Senses
- Alphabet
- More
- Enjoy
- Coin
- Closed
- Greet
- Stooped
- Rhyme
YOUR CHILD WILL WORK ON THIS LEARNING GOAL:
Write and draw their own book about how their senses help them learn.
- The book will include:
  - illustrations (pictures that explain the story),
  - characters (they will write about how people use their senses),
  - the creative use of cutting, pasting, and drawing to describe their story
- Your child will use sentence frames to organize their story

AT HOME ACTIVITIES

PHONICS: Your child is learning lots of phonics skills, which help them become a strong reader. Try this activity to help with what they are learning in school:

Writing Lower Case Letters Correctly

- Your child is practicing writing lower-case letters. They are using special writing paper to practice. Ask your child’s teacher what letters they are working on.
- Your child’s writing paper has small pictures that show the names of the lines: sky line, plane line, grass line, and worm line.

- Watch this video on how to write each letter correctly and practice its sound. As your child traces each letter, remind them of each step.

Check out mClass Home Connect for more great activities linked to your child’s learning!

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Snapshot: In this first module, The Five Senses, your child will learn about the five senses and human biology.
**WRITING:**

Your child is learning how to write and express themselves and what they have learned. You can try this writing activity at home:

*Draw a picture of their favorite food.*

- **Step 1:** Have your child draw a picture of their favorite food.
- **Step 2:** Help your child write the name of the food below the picture.

**LET’S TALK:**

Talk to your child about how their day went. Help them connect what they learned in school with their lives.

*I see, taste, feel, and hear things each day.*

**Ask your child these questions:**

- What are 2 things you tasted today? What did they taste like?
- Can you tell me about 2 soft things you have touched (like a feather or cotton ball)? 2 hard things you have touched (like a rock or stick)? 2 sticky things you have touched (like gum or syrup)?
- What is the most beautiful thing you have seen? Why?
- Do you like better? Quiet sounds or loud sounds? Why?

**Free Places to Explore and Learn Online**

- Explore works of art on American history.
  - Walters Art Museum: Visit [here](#) to explore.
  - Baltimore Museum of Art: Visit [here](#) to explore. (If you want to go to the BMA, you will need to reserve a time.)

**REMINDERS**

- Ask your child’s teacher for copies of their end of unit tasks
- Ask your child’s teacher for the mClass Home Connect Letter
- Ask your child’s teacher what reading skills they need more support with
- Watch for your child’s report card
- Schedule your parent teacher conference
- Check the City Schools calendar each week for important dates/reminders

**RESOURCES**

Want to read some books with your child at home? Here are some suggestions:

- *Geraldine, the Music Mouse* by Leo Lionni
- *The Listening Walk* by Paul Showers
- *Drum Dream Girl* by Margarita Engle
- *Hello Ocean* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Rain* by Manya Stojic
- *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen
- *Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *The Fur Family* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Second Something Happens: Poems for the Mind and the Senses* by Christine San Jose

**TIP:** Find these books for free online at the Enoch Pratt Free Library. You can ask the library to have them ready for you to pick up. Or, you can ask the library to mail books to you.