





#### **ABOUT WIT & WISDOM**

Wit & Wisdom® is a Kindergarten through Grade 8 English language arts (ELA) curriculum created by Great Minds®, an organization that brings together teachers and experts who believe all students deserve access to rich, rigorous content. With Wit & Wisdom, every text a student explores is authentic and of the highest quality. Students use these texts at every turn—to learn, and eventually master, essential reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, and vocabulary skills. Instead of basals, students read books they love to build knowledge of important topics and to develop and refine literacy skills. All students read and discuss grade-level texts, and the curriculum includes suggestions for supporting this learning at key moments in the lessons.

Wit & Wisdom is composed of four modules per grade level. Each artfully explores a specific topic to develop depth of understanding and inspire curiosity. The core of each module is a selection of literary works, informational texts, and visual art. Modules are made up of approximately 30 lessons that are covered in six to eight weeks. All modules integrate reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language instruction.

Wit & Wisdom integrates ELA strands so that students read to learn; the curriculum does not systematically teach the youngest students to learn to read. For structured foundational skills instruction, Wit & Wisdom teacher-writers recommend that early elementary educators use Wit & Wisdom alongside a proven, research-based foundational skills program.

#### **HIGH RATINGS**

The independent, nonprofit reviewer EdReports.org gives Wit & Wisdom top ratings for text quality, building knowledge, and usability. Wit & Wisdom is the only ELA resource to receive a Tier 1 designation for all grades, Kindergarten through Grade 8, from the Louisiana Department of Education.

### **PROVEN RESULTS**

Schools and districts nationwide are experiencing increased student engagement and growth with Wit & Wisdom. See their stories and data at greatminds.org/english.

## **ONGOING SUPPORT**

To support and sustain successful implementation, Wit & Wisdom's team offers customizable professional development—online or on-site. Wit & Wisdom also includes support resources available only from Great Minds:

**Introducing Wit & Wisdom** • Implementation Guide

- Module o (GK-2, G3-5, G6-8)

Extending Wit & Wisdom

- Family Tip Sheets
- Volume of Reading text list
- Wit & Wisdom assessment resources (Standards Trackers and Question Sets)
- The Art of *Wit & Wisdom* (lessons and vocabulary relating to the curriculum's rich artwork)

# Alaska English/Language Arts Standards Correlation to Wit & Wisdom

## GRADE K ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

The majority of the Grade K Alaska English/Language Arts Standards are fully covered by Grade K of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade K Alaska English/Language Arts standards and Grade K of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum do not align will require supplemental materials. A detailed analysis of alignment is provided in the table below. With strategic placement of supplemental materials, students can be successful in achieving the proficiencies of the Alaska standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

# **KEY**

Wit & Wisdom fully addresses the Alaska standard.

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Wit & Wisdom does not address the Alaska standard.

Wit & Wisdom addresses the Alaska standard at a different grade level.

G = grade level Examples:

M = module GK M1 L6 = Grade K Module 1 Lesson 6

L = lesson GK M1 L6DD = Grade K Module 1 Lesson 6 Deep Dive

DD = Deep Dive

Content	Strand	Standard	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
Reading Standards for	Key Ideas and Details	RL.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer	GK M1 L2–3, L3DD, L4, L11, L11DD, L12–13, L13DD, L14–22, L29
Literature		questions about a literary text using key details from the text.	GK M2 L1, L13–29, L31–32
			GK M3 L2, L12, L15–17
			GK M4 L5, L16–21, L23, L25, L36
		RL.K.2	GK M1 L4, L12, L15, L18, L21
		With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, using key details.	GK M2 L22, L24–27, L29–30
			GK M3 L3, L6, L12–14, L16–17, L20, L24, L27
			GK M4 L2-3, L17, L20
		RL.K.3	GK M1 L11, L17, L20
		With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, major events, and problem-solution in a story, song, or poem.	GK M2 L9, L11–24, L24DD, L25–29, L29DD, L30–31
			GK M3 L12–17
			GK M4 L3, L18–19
	Craft and Structure	RL.K.4	GK M1 L3, L3DD, L4, L12DD, L17, L20DD
		Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.	GK M2 L15
			GK M3 L2, L7–10, L12–13, L27–28
			GK M4 L3, L16, L18–20, L23
		RL.K.5	GK M1 L12, L17, L30
		Identify common types of texts (e.g., picture books, stories, poems, songs).	GK M2 L1, L5, L7, L13, L18, L24, L29
			GK M3 L1–2, L7, L12, L18, L22, L27
			GK M4 L32

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		RL.K.6	GK M1 L13-21
		With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and describe the role of each in telling the story.	GK M2 L1
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RL.K.7 With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts) or use illustrations to tell or retell a story.	GK M1 L11, L11DD, L12–14, L15DD, L17, L17DD, L18, L18DD, L19–21  GK M2 L1, L1DD, L14–15, L21–22, L27  GK M3 L13, L15–16, L20, L27  GK M4 L3, L5, L17–19, L25
		RL.K.9 With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.	GK M2 L13, L16–17, L23–24, L27
	Range of	RL.K.10	GK M1-4
	Reading and Level of Complexity	Actively engage in shared reading activities using literature from a variety of cultures with purpose and understanding, and scaffolding as needed.	Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.
Reading Standards for Informational Text	Key Ideas and Details	RI.K.1 With prompting and support, elicit background/prior knowledge and experience in order to ask and answer questions about an informational text using key details from the text.	Supplemental material is necessary to address eliciting background knowledge and experience in order to ask and answer questions about a text.  The following lessons address asking and answering questions about the key details in a text.  GK M1 L1, L1DD, L2-3, L3DD, L4-7, L7DD, L8-11, L17, L23, L23DD, L24, L26-28, L30-31  GK M2 L2, L4-12  GK M3 L1-11, L18-30
			GK M4 L1–15, L22–36

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		RI.K.2	GK M1 L2, L4–5, L7, L9–10, L24, L27
		With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.	GK M2 L3, L5, L8–11
			GK M3 L3–10, L19–28, L30
			GK M4 L1–4, L6–8, L10, L23–24, L28–29
		RI.K.3	GK M1 L8–9, L23, L23DD, L24, L24DD
		With prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events,	GK M2 L3
		ideas, or pieces of information in a text.	GK M3 L10–11, L20–21, L23, L25–30
			GK M4 L1, L24
	Craft and Structure	RI.K.4 With prompting and support, ask and answer	GK M1 L1, L1DD, L2–3, L3DD, L4, L6, L6DD, L9, L23, L25
		questions about unknown words in a text.	GK M2 L5, L8–9
			GK M3 L4–5, L10, L18, L20–21, L23, L25
			GK M4 L2, L4–7, L11–13, L24–26, L30
		RI.K.5	GK M1 L1–2, L5–6, L10, L23–24
		Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.	GK M2 L2
			GK M3 L20–21
		RI.K.6	GK M1 L3, L5, L8, L23, L25
		Name the author and illustrator of a text and describe the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.	GK M3 L2, L20–21

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	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	RI.K.7 With prompting and support, describe	GK M1 L3–4, L8–10, L23, L23DD, L24, L24DD, L25, L25DD, L26–27
	lucus	the relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear (e.g., what	GK M2 L2-4, L8-11
		person, place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts).	GK M3 L3-5, L9-11, L18, L20-27, L30
			GK M4 L1, L3–6, L8, L11–12, L24–26, L29–30, L32
		RI.K.8 With prompting and support, identify the opinions an author states in a text.	Supplemental material is necessary to address identifying the opinions an author states to support points.
			The following lessons address identifying the reasons an author gives to support points.
			GK M1 L7, L24
			GK M3 L3–10, L19–21, L23, L25–28, L30
			GK M4 L1-3, L6-7, L13
		RI.K.9	GK M1 L6, L8, L23–25
		With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between	GK M2 L2
		information presented in two texts on the same topic (e.g., compare two photos or	GK M3 L3-5, L10-11, L18, L20-21, L23, L25-27, L30
		diagrams, compare two animal babies).	GK M4 L3, L8, L14, L27, L31–32
	Range of	RI.K.10	GK M1-4
	Reading and Level of Text Complexity	Actively engage in shared reading activities using a range of topics and texts with purpose and understanding, with scaffolding as needed.	Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.

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Reading	<b>Print Concepts</b>	RF.K.1			
Standards: Foundational		Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.			
Skills		RF.K.1a	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.		
		Follow words from left to right, top to bottom, and page-by-page.			
		RF.K.1b	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.		
		Recognize that spoken words are represented in written language by specific sequences of letters.			
		RF.K.1c	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.		
		Understand that words are separated by spaces in print.			
		RF.K.1d	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.		
		Recognize and name all upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet.			
	Phonological Awareness	RF.K.2			
		Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, sy	vllables, and sounds (phonemes).		
		RF.K.2a Recognize and produce rhyming words.	Supplemental material is necessary to address producing rhyming words. The following lesson addresses recognizing rhyming words.		
			GK M1 L26		
		RF.K.2b	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.		
		Count, pronounce, blend, and segment syllables in spoken words.			
		RF.K.2c	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.		
		Blend and segment onsets and rimes of single-syllable spoken words.			

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		RF.K.2d Isolate and pronounce the initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in three-phoneme (consonant-vowel-consonant, or CVC) words. (This does not include CVCs ending with /l/, /r/, or /x/.)	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		RF.K.2e Add or substitute individual sounds (phonemes) in simple, one-syllable words to make new words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
	Phonics	RF.K.3	
	and Word Recognition	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word	analysis skills in decoding words.
	licooginicion	RF.K.3a	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing the primary sound or many of the most frequent sounds for each consonant.	
		RF.K.3b  Associate the long and short sounds with the common spellings (graphemes) for the five major vowels.	Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly.  GK M1 L18–19, L22–24, L25DD  GK M2 L4
		RF.K.3c	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Read common high-frequency words by sight (e.g., the, of, to, you, she, my, is, are, do, does).	
		RF.K.3d  Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.

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	Fluency	RF.K.4	V	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Read emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding.		
Writing	Text Types and	W.K.1		GK M2 L28DD, L31
Standards	Purposes	Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to state an opinion or a preference	C	GK M3 L4–10, L18–30
		about a topic or part of a book (e.g., I like dogs better than cats because ; My favorite part of the story is when ; I think it was funny when ).	C	GK M4 L1–8, L10–15, L20–21, L25–31, L33–35
		W.K.2 Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and		GK M1 L1, L9–10, L15–16, L18–19, L21–22, L22DD, L25DD, L26–28, L30–31
		writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.	C	GK M2 L4–6, L10–12, L16–17, L28DD, L31
				GK M3 L5–6, L8–11, L13–21, L23–29, L30DD
				GK M4 L4, L6, L8, L19
		W.K.3	C	GK M1 L19
		Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a real or imagined	C	GK M2 L19–23, L25–28, L28DD, L30–32
		event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which	C	GK M3 L5–6, L9, L12, L16–18, L23–29
		they occurred, and provide an ending (how the problem was solved) or a reaction (e.g., a feeling) to what happened.		GK M4 L4, L6
	Production and	W.K.5	C	GK M2 L32DD
	Distribution of Writing	With guidance and support from adults, respond to questions and suggestions from peers and add details to strengthen writing as needed.	C	GK M4 L17–19, L21–22, L24–25, L27, L29, L34

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		W.K.6 With guidance and support from adults,		GK M2 L2, L4–6
		explore a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.		GK M3 L14, L29
	Research to	W.K.7		GK M3 L14, L28–29
	Build and Present Knowledge	Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and combine or summarize information/facts learned or express opinions about them).		GK M4 L2, L13, L17, L32
		W.K.8 With guidance and support from adults,		GK M1 L1, L4–5, L7DD, L8–10, L13–16, L20–21, L30–31
		recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer		GK M2 L4–7, L11–12, L14–18
		a question.		GK M3 L4–6, L9–11, L15–17, L21, L24–29
				GK M4 L4–8, L11–15, L20–21, L25–27, L29–36
Speaking and	Comprehension	SL.K.1		
Listening Standards	and Collaboration	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and peers and adults in small and larger groups.		
		SL.K.1a		GK M1 L1–16, L19, L21–23, L25, L27, L29–31
		Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others and taking turns		GK M2 L1, L3, L5, L7–8, L11–16, L18–22, L24–32
		speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).		GK M3 L1–2, L4–6, L12, L15, L17, L21–23, L26
				GK M4 L1, L9, L16–17, L19, L21
		SL.K.1b		GK M1 L6, L16, L22, L25, L27, L29–31
		Continue a conversation through multiple exchanges.		GK M2 L28

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		SL.K.2		GK M1 L1–2, L4, L6, L8–15, L19, L22–23, L25–27
		Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other		GK M2 L1, L3, L7, L13–15, L18–21, L24–28, L30–32
		media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification		GK M3 L1–26
		if something is not understood.		GK M4 L1-7, L9-28, L30-32, L35-36
		SL.K.3		GK M1 L1, L4, L6–7
		Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something		GK M3 L7, L10–11, L17–22
		that is not understood.		GK M4 L7
	Presentation of Knowledge	SL.K.4 Describe familiar people, places, things, and		GK M1 L4DD, L5DD, L8DD, L9, L9DD, L10DD, L17, L18DD, L23, L24DD, L26DD, L28DD
		events, and with prompting and support, provide additional related details.		GK M2 L9DD, L12DD, L15, L17, L19
				GK M4 L32-33, L35-36
		SL.K.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide		GK M3 L23-30
		additional details.		
		SL.K.6 Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings,		GK M1 L10, L14DD, L15DD, L19, L19DD, L20–22, L27, L30–31
		and ideas clearly in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.		GK M2 L2–6, L9–10, L16–17, L20, L23, L28–32
				GK M4 L15, L35
Language	Conventions of Standard English	L.K.1		
Standards		Demonstrate command of the conventions of stor speaking.	tan	dard English grammar and usage when writing
		L.K.1a		GK M2 L5DD, L6, L6DD, L11–12, L16–17, L19, L22–23,
		Print many upper- and lowercase letters.		L27–28, L31–32

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		L.K.1b Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs.	GK M2 L2DD, L4DD, L13–15, L19–20, L20DD, L21DD, L23DD, L28DD
			GK M3 L1DD, L13DD, L15DD, L16–17, L17DD, L20–21, L23DD, L25–26, L26DD, L28–30
			GK M4 L3DD
		L.K.1c	GK M2 L20DD
		Form regular plural nouns orally by adding /s/ or /es/ (e.g., dog, dogs; wish, wishes).	GK M3 L23DD, L25DD, L26DD, L30
		L.K.1d Understand and use question words	GK M1 L1, L1DD, L6, L6DD, L11, L11DD, L17, L23, L23DD, L29
		(interrogatives) (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	GK M2 L1, L18, L29
			GK M3 L1–2, L7, L12, L17–18, L22
			GK M4 L1, L9, L16, L22, L28
		L.K.1e	GK M1 L24DD, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD
		Use the most frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., to, from, in, out, on, off,	GK M2 L8, L10–12, L12DD
		for, of, by, with).	GK M4 L8DD, L21DD

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		L.K.1f Produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities.	GK M1 L3DD, L4DD, L5, L5DD, L7DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L13DD, L14DD, L15, L15DD, L19DD, L26, L27DD, L28DD, L30DD, L31DD
			GK M2 L1DD, L2DD, L3DD, L4, L6–8, L10, L10DD, L11–12, L12DD, L14DD, L15–16, L16DD, L17, L17DD, L19–21, L21DD, L22–23, L23DD, L27, L30–31, L31DD, L32, L32DD
			GK M3 L4, L10–12, L14–17, L20–21, L24–26, L28–29, L29DD, L30DD
			GK M4 L2, L4, L4DD, L5–6, L8DD, L11–13, L13DD, L21DD, L24DD, L25, L25DD, L27DD, L28DD, L29DD, L30, L30DD, L31, L32DD, L33–34, L34DD, L35, L35DD
		L.K.2	·
		Demonstrate command of the conventions of swhen writing.	tandard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
		L.K.2a Capitalize the first word in a sentence, the	Supplemental material is necessary to address capitalizing the first letter of the student's name.
		first letter of the student's name, and the pronoun $I$ .	The following lessons address capitalizing the first word in a sentence and the pronoun $I$ .
			GK M3 L4DD, L5, L5DD, L6, L7DD, L9DD, L11DD
			GK M4 L24DD, L25DD, L27DD, L30–31, L32DD, L33–35
		L.K.2b	GK M1 L7, L24
		Recognize and name end punctuation.	GK M2 L11, L21
			GK M3 L18DD, L20DD, L21
			GK M4 L12, L28DD, L29DD, L30DD, L31, L32DD, L34

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		L.K.2c Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).	GK M1 L17DD, L18–19, L21–22, L22DD, L23–24, L25DD, L26–28, L30–31 GK M2 L4–5, L5DD, L6, L6DD, L7, L8DD, L10DD, L11–12, L16–17, L17DD, L22–23, L27–28, L28DD, L31–32 GK M3 L4
			GK M4 L36
		L.K.2d Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on	GK M1 L17DD, L18–19, L21–22, L22DD, L23–24, L25DD, L26–28, L30–31
		knowledge of sound-letter relationships.	GK M2 L4–5, L5DD, L6, L6DD, L7, L8DD, L10DD, L11–12, L16–17, L17DD, L22–23, L27–28, L28DD, L31–32
			GK M3 L4–6, L11–12, L16–17, L21–22, L25–26, L28–29
			GK M4 L36
	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	L.K.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown a kindergarten reading and content.	and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on
		L.K.4a	GK M1 L2DD, L4, L6DD, L9, L12DD, L20DD
		Identify new meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately (e.g., knowing <i>duck</i> is a	GK M2 L14, L18DD, L25DD
		bird and learning the verb to duck).	GK M3 L21DD
			GK M4 L5DD, L16DD, L20DD
		L.K.4b	GK M1 L20DD
		Use the most frequently occurring inflections and affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, re-, un-,	GK M2 L20DD
		pre-, -ful, -less) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.	GK M3 L1DD, L6DD, L27DD
			GK M4 L14DD, L15DD, L17DD, L19DD, L22DD, L23

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		L.K.5 With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.		
		L.K.5a	GK M1 L4DD, L5DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L13DD	
		Sort common objects into categories (e.g., shapes, foods) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.	GK M2 L4DD, L7DD, L9DD, L11–12, L24DD, L27DD, L29DD	
			GK M3 L8DD, L12, L19DD, L27	
			GK M4 L1DD, L31DD	
		L.K.5b	GK M2 L11DD, L26DD	
		Demonstrate understanding of frequently occurring verbs and adjectives by relating	GK M3 L1DD, L2DD, L3DD, L12DD	
		them to their opposites (antonyms).	GK M4 L2DD, L3DD, L9DD, L10DD, L11DD, L18DD, L23	
		L.K.5c Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at school that are <i>colorful</i> ).	GK M1 L4DD, L5DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L11DD, L13DD, L18DD	
			GK M2 L2DD, L4DD, L7DD, L9DD, L11–12, L13DD, L27DD, L29DD	
			GK M3 L2, L4, L7–8, L8DD, L10DD, L12, L19DD, L24DD, L27	
			GK M4 L1DD, L11–12, L19, L32	
		L.K.5d	GK M1 L13	
		Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs describing the same general action	GK M2 L15DD, L19DD, L26	
		(e.g., walk, march, strut, prance) by acting out the meanings.	GK M3 L1DD, L12DD, L14DD, L17DD, L22DD	
			GK M4 L3DD, L6DD, L7DD, L12DD, L16, L21, L23DD	

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		L.K.6		GK M1-4	
		Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.		Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.	