



Dear Families and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year! This year, your student will study an English language arts program called *Arts & Letters*[™]. We are excited to introduce you to this program.

Great Minds[®] created *Arts & Letters* with the belief that every child is capable of greatness.

Arts & Letters students build knowledge of the world and develop reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language skills. Each day your student will be engaged and challenged to learn.

Your student will read and study award-winning literary and informational books, famous works of art, poetry, articles, videos, and photographs. These texts will awaken their curiosity and expand their knowledge about important topics. Students will learn to understand and analyze these complex texts and to speak and write clearly, logically, and effectively.

We know you want to support students' learning outside of school. Here are some ideas:

- **Read together.** Read with your student. With a younger student, read aloud and talk about the book's ideas, text, and pictures. With older students, read together for pleasure, share interesting articles or books you read, and ask questions about what your student is reading in school.
- **Talk together.** Ask questions about what your student is learning in school. Show excitement and curiosity when they share new and interesting facts or knowledge.
- **Foster a love of words.** Invite your student to tell you about what they are reading and to share interesting words or descriptions from the text. Challenge each other to use new vocabulary words your student is learning.
- **Follow ideas from the Tips for Families.** Your student will complete four modules, or units, in *Arts & Letters*. Your student's teacher has Tips for Families for each module. These tips describe what your student is studying and give ideas to continue learning after school.

Arts & Letters makes the English language arts block a time of wonder and curiosity. To learn more, talk to your student's teacher and go to [greatminds.org](https://www.greatminds.org).

Sincerely,

The *Arts & Letters* team