





ABOUT WIT & WISDOM

Wit & Wisdom® is a Kindergarten through Grade 8 English language arts (ELA) curriculum created by Great Minds®, a nonprofit 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 • Core text list

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

Extending Wit & Wisdom

- Parent 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)

Oklahoma Academic Standards for English Language Arts Correlation to Wit & Wisdom

GRADE K ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The majority of the Kindergarten Oklahoma Academic Standards for English Language Arts are fully covered by Grade K of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Kindergarten Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

KEY

Wit & Wisdom fully addresses the Oklahoma standard.

Wit & Wisdom may not completely address the Oklahoma standard.

Wit & Wisdom does not address the Oklahoma standard.

Wit & Wisdom addresses the Oklahoma 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

College- and Career-Ready Standard for Recursive Reading English Language Arts and Writing Strand **Standard Objective** Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom 1. Speaking and **Reading** K.1.R.1 GK M1 L1, L6-7, L11, L16, L25, L27, L29, L31 Listening Students will develop Students will actively GK M2 L17, L20, L23 listen and speak using Students will speak and apply effective communication skills agreed-upon rules for GK M₃ L₇ and listen effectively in a variety of situations through speaking and discussion with guidance including, but not limited active listening. and support. to, responses to reading K.1.R.2 GK M1 L1, L4, L6, L14DD, L15DD and writing. Students will ask and GK M₃ L₁₇ answer questions to seek GK M4 L9-20, L22-28, L30, L32 help, get information, or clarify about information presented orally or through text or other media with guidance and support. GK M₁ L₆ K.1.R.3 Students will engage in GK M2 L25-26, L29-30, L32 collaborative discussions about appropriate topics GK M3 L1, L17 and texts with peers and adults in small and large groups with guidance and support. K.1.R.4 GK M1 L16

Students will follow one and two step directions.

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	Writing	K.1.W.1	GK M2 L31–32, L32DD
	Students will develop and apply effective communication skills through speaking and active listening to create individual and group projects and presentations.	Students will orally describe personal interests or tell stories, facing the audience and speaking clearly in complete sentences and following implicit rules for conversation, including taking turns and staying on topic.	
		K.1.W.2	GK M1 L1, L6–7, L11, L16, L25, L27, L29, L31
		Students will work respectfully with others with guidance and	GK M2 L17, L20, L23
		support.	GK M3 L7

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2. Reading Foundations	Phonological Awareness	K.2.PA.1 Students will distinguish	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.
Students will develop foundational skills for	Phonological awareness is the ability	spoken words in a sentence.	
future reading success by working with sounds, letters, and text.	to recognize, think about, and manipulate sounds in spoken language without using text.	K.2.PA.2 Students will recognize and produce pairs of rhyming words, and distinguish them from non-rhyming pairs.	Supplemental material is necessary to address producing rhyming words and distinguishing them from non-rhyming pairs. The following lesson addresses recognizing rhyming words. GK M1 L26
		K.2.PA.3 Students will isolate and pronounce the same initial sounds in a set of spoken words (i.e., alliteration) (e.g., "the puppy pounces").	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.
		K.2.PA.4 Students will recognize the short or long vowel sound	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.

in one syllable words.

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		K.2.PA.5 Students will count, pronounce, blend, segment, and delete syllables in spoken words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.
		K.2.PA.6 Students will blend and segment onset and rime in one syllable spoken words (e.g., Blending: /ch/+ at = chat; segmenting: cat = /c/+ at).	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.
		K.2.PA.7 Students will blend phonemes to form one syllable spoken words with 3 to 5 phonemes (e.g., /f/ /a/ /s/ /t/= fast).	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.
		K.2.PA.8 Students will segment phonemes in one syllable spoken words with 3 to 5 phonemes (e.g., "fast" = /f//a//s//t/).	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.

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		K.2.PA.9 Students will add, delete, and substitute phonemes in one syllable spoken words (e.g., "add /c/ to the beginning of "at" to say "cat;" "remove the /p/ from "pin," to say "in;" "change the /d/ in "dog" to /f/ /r/ to say "frog").	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.
	Print Concepts Students will demonstrate their understanding of the organization and basic features of	K.2.PC.1 Students will correctly form letters to write their first and last name and most uppercase and lowercase letters correctly.	Wit & Wisdom does not address handwriting.
	print, including book handling skills and the understanding that printed materials provide information and tell stories.	K.2.PC.2 Students will demonstrate their understanding that print carries a message by recognizing labels, signs, and other print in the environment.	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.

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	Phonics and Word Study Students will decode and read words in	K.2.PWS.1 Students will name all uppercase and lowercase letters.	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.	
	context and isolation by applying phonics and word analysis	by applying phonics	K.2.PWS.2 Students will sequence the letters of the alphabet.	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.
		K.2.PWS.3 Students will produce the primary or most common sound for each consonant, short and long vowel sounds ($e.g.$, $c = /k/$, $c = /s/$, $s = /s/$, $s = /z/$, $x = /ks/$, $x = /z/$).	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.	
		K.2.PWS.4 Students will blend letter sounds to decode simple Vowel / Consonant (VC) and Consonant / Vowel / Consonant (CVC) words (e.g., VC words= at, in, up; CVC words = pat, hen, lot).	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.	

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	Fluency Students will recognize high-frequency words	K.2.F.1 Students will read first and last name in print.	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.
	and read grade- level text smoothly and accurately, with expression that connotes comprehension.	K.2.F.2 Students will read common high frequency grade-level words by sight (e.g., not, was, to, have, you, he, is, with, are).	Wit & Wisdom does not address reading foundations.
2. Reading and	Reading	K.2.R.1	GK M1 L4, L7, L9–10, L12, L15, L18, L21, L24, L27
Writing Process Students will use a variety of recursive reading and writing processes.	Students will read and comprehend increasingly complex literary and informational texts.	Students will retell or reenact major events from a read-aloud with guidance and support to recognize the main idea.	GK M2 L3, L8–9, L16, L18–22, L24, L24DD, L25–27, L29, L29DD, L30–31 GK M3 L3–10, L12–14, L16–17, L19–28, L30 GK M4 L1–4, L6–7, L10, L17, L23–24
		K.2.R.2	GK M1 L30-31
		Students will discriminate between fiction and nonfiction/informational text with guidance and support.	GK M2 L1 GK M4 L32

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		K.2.R.3 Students will sequence the events/plot (i.e., beginning, middle, and end) of a story or text with guidance and support.	GK M2 L19–20, L22, L24DD, L25–26, L28, L29DD, L30–31 GK M3 L18
	Writing Students will develop and strengthen writing by engaging in a recursive process that includes	K.2.W.1 Students will begin to develop first drafts by expressing themselves through drawing and emergent writing.	GK M1 L10 GK M2 L26–28, L28DD, L30–32 GK M3 L5–6, L9, L12, L16–18, L23–29 GK M4 L4
	prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.	K.2.W.2 Students will begin to develop first drafts by sequencing the action or details of stories/texts.	GK M2 L28, L30
		K.2.W.3 Students will begin to edit first drafts using appropriate spacing between letters and words.	Wit & Wisdom does not explicitly address spacing.

College- and Career-**Ready Standard for Recursive Reading English Language Arts** and Writing Strand **Standard Objective** Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom 3. Critical Reading GK M1 L8, L13-14, L16-21, L23, L25 Reading K.3.R.1 and Writing Students will Students will name the GK M₂ L₁ Students will apply comprehend, interpret, author and illustrator, and evaluate, and respond GK M₃ L₂ critical thinking skills to explain the roles of each in reading and writing. to a variety of complex a particular story. texts of all literary K.3.R.2 GK M1 L11, L17 and informational Students will describe GK M2 L13, L13DD, L14-19, L24DD, L26, L28, L29DD, genres from a variety characters and setting in L30-31 of historical, cultural, a story with guidance and ethnic, and global GK M3 L12-17 support. perspectives. GK M4 L3, L18-19 K.3.R.3 GK M1 L8, L12, L23DD, L24-25, L25DD Students will tell what is GK M2 L10, L22, L24, L29-30 happening in a picture or illustration. GK M₃ L₃-5, L₉-11, L₁₄, L₁₈, L₂₀, L₂₂-27, L₃₀ GK M4 L3-5, L8, L12, L17, L19, L24 K.3.R.4 GK M1 L1, L1DD, L2-3, L3DD, L4, L6, L7DD Students will ask and GK M4 L8-33, L36 answer basic questions (e.g., who, what, where, and when) about texts during shared reading or other text experiences with guidance and support.

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	Writing	K.3.W	GK M1 L2, L9–10, L13, L17DD, L18–19, L28, L31
	Students will write	Students will use drawing,	GK M2 L4–5, L26–28, L28DD, L30–32
	for varied purposes and audiences in all	labeling, dictating, and	GK M3 L5–6, L9–14, L16–21, L23–27, L29, L30DD
	modes, using fully	writing to tell a story, share information, or	
	developed ideas,	express an opinion with	GK M4 L4, L6, L8, L14
	strong organization,	guidance and support.	
	well-chosen words,		
	fluent sentences, and		
	appropriate voice.		
4. Vocabulary	Reading	K.4.R.1	GK M1 L1, L1DD, L2DD, L3, L4DD, L5, L5DD, L11DD,
Students will expand	Students will expand	Students will acquire	L16DD, L18DD, L21DD, L29DD
their working	academic, domain-	new academic, content-	GK M2 L21DD, L22DD, L30DD
vocabularies to effectively	appropriate, grade- level vocabularies	specific, grade-level vocabulary and relate new	GK M3 L16DD, L28DD
communicate and understand texts.	through reading,	words to prior knowledge	OV.M. Lo(DD, LooDD
understand texts.	word study, and class	with guidance and	GK M4 L26DD, L33DD
	discussion.	support.	
		K.4.R.2	GK M1 L6DD, L11DD, L12DD, L13
		Students will begin to	GK M2 L18DD
		develop an awareness	OK M2 LIODD
		of context clues through	GK M4 L16, L16DD, L18, L20DD
		read-alouds and other text	
		experiences.	

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		K.4.R.3 Students will name and sort pictures of objects into categories based on common attributes with guidance and support.	GK M1 L4DD, L5DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L13DD GK M2 L4DD, L7DD, L9DD, L11–12, L27DD, L29DD GK M3 L8DD, L19DD, L27 GK M4 L1DD, L31DD
	Writing Students will apply knowledge of vocabularies to communicate by using descriptive, academic, and domain-	K.4.W.1 Students will use new vocabulary to produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities with guidance and support.	GK M1 L10, L15, L17DD, L19DD GK M2 L10DD, L14DD, L16, L16DD, L17, L17DD, L23DD, L28, L30–31, L31DD, L32, L32DD GK M3 L4, L11, L14–15, L21, L28–29, L29DD, L30DD GK M4 L4DD, L13DD, L33–35
	appropriate abstract and concrete words in their writing.	K.4.W.2 Students will select appropriate language according to purpose with guidance and support.	Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly. GK M1 L3, L8

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5. Language	Reading	K.5.R.1	GK M2 L1DD, L3DD, L5–6, L8DD, L10DD, L11–12,
Students will apply knowledge of grammar and rhetorical style to reading and writing.	Students will apply knowledge of grammar and rhetorical style to analyze and evaluate a variety of texts.	Students will begin to understand the function of grammar through exposure to conversations, read-alouds, and interactive reading.	L12DD, L15, L17, L22–23, L27–28, L31, L31DD, L32, L32DD
		K.5.R.2	GK M2 L28DD
		Students will recognize concrete objects as persons, places or things (i.e., nouns) with guidance and support.	GK M3 L13DD, L15DD, L17DD
		K.5.R.3	GK M2 L2DD, L4DD, L15DD
		Students will recognize words as actions (<i>i.e.</i> , <i>verbs</i>) with guidance and	GK M3 L1DD, L3DD, L13DD GK M4 L3DD

support.

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		K.5.R.4 Students will group pictures and movement, and determine spatial and time relationships such as up, down, before, and after with guidance and support.		Supplemental material is necessary to teach the concepts of spatial and time relationships explicitly and thoroughly. The following lessons provide students the opportunity to consider spatial relationships through studying prepositions, group pictures, and group movements. GK M1 L24DD, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD GK M2 L4DD, L7DD, L11–12, L12DD
				GK M3 L8DD, L19DD
	Writing	K.5.W.1		
	Students will	Students will capitalize, wit	h g	guidance and support:
	demonstrate command of Standard	their first name		Wit & Wisdom does not address capitalizing students' first names.
	English grammar, mechanics, and usage	• the pronoun "I"		GK M3 L4DD, L5DD, L6
	through writing	K.5.W.2		GK M2 L23DD
	and other modes of communication.	Students will begin to compose simple sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with a period or question mark.		GK M3, L7DD, L9DD, L11DD, L18DD, L20DD, L21 GK M4 L8DD, L13, L21DD, L24DD, L25DD, L27DD, L28DD, L29DD, L30, L30DD, L31, L32DD, L33-35

College- and Career-**Ready Standard for Recursive Reading English Language Arts** and Writing Strand **Standard Objective** Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom 6. Research Reading K.6.R.1 GK M3 L27-30 Students will engage in Students will Students will identify inquiry to acquire, refine, comprehend, evaluate, relevant pictures, charts, and share knowledge. and synthesize grade-appropriate texts, resources to acquire or people as sources of and refine knowledge. information on a topic of interest. K.6.R.2 GK M1 L8, L17, L23, L23DD, L24-25, L25DD Students will identify GK M₃ L₃-5, L₉-11, L₁8, L₂0, L₂2-28, L₃0 graphic features including GK M4 L3-5, L8-9, L12, L14, L17-19, L21, L24-27, photos, illustrations, and L29-32 titles to understand a text. Supplemental material is necessary to address this Writing K.6.W.1 standard thoroughly. Students will Students will generate summarize and topics of interest and GK M4 L12 decide if a friend, teacher, paraphrase, integrate evidence, and cite or expert can answer their questions with guidance sources to create and support. reports, projects, papers, texts, and K.6.W.2 GK M4 L11–15, L20, L25–27, L29–30, L32 presentations for Students will find multiple purposes. information from provided sources during group research with

guidance and support.

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Recursive Reading and Writing Strand

Standard Objective

Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom

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7. Multimodal Literacies Students will acquire, refine, and share knowledge through a variety of written, oral, visual, digital, non-	Reading Students will evaluate written, oral, visual, and digital texts in order to draw conclusions and analyze arguments.	K.7.R.1 Students will recognize formats of print and digital text with guidance and support.	Supplemental material is necessary to address formats of digital text. The following lessons address formats of print text. GK M1 L1, L6, L10, L17, L23–24 GK M2 L1–2 GK M3 L28
verbal, and interactive		K.7.R.2	GK M1 L3
texts.		Students will explore how ideas and topics are depicted in a variety of media and formats.	GK M4 L17–19, L25
	Writing	K.7.W.1	GK M2 L2, L4–6
	Students will create multimodal texts to communicate knowledge and develop arguments.	Students will use appropriate technology to communicate with others with guidance and support.	
		K.7.W.2	GK M3 L27–28, L30
		Students will use appropriate props, images, or illustrations to support verbal communication.	

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8. Independent Reading and Writing Students will read and write for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to, academic and personal, for extended periods of time.	Reading Students will read independently for a variety of purposes and for extended periods of time. Students will select appropriate texts for specific purposes.	K.8.R Students will demonstrate interest in books during read-alouds and shared reading, and interact independently with books.	Most <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> Grade K lessons engage students with read-alouds or shared reading. In each module, Appendix D provides a list of texts for reading outside the classroom. These texts are grade-level appropriate and related to the module topic.
	Writing Students will write independently for extended periods of time. Students will	K.8.W Students will express their ideas through a combination of drawing and emergent writing with	GK M1 L1–2, L9–10, L13, L17DD, L18–19, L31 GK M2 L4–5, L26–28, L28DD, L30–32 GK M3 L5–6, L9, L12, L16–18, L23–29
	vary their modes of expression to suit	guidance and support.	GK M4 L4, L6, L8

audience and task.