

GEODES® Resource Overview



What are Geodes?

Reading can open up new worlds for students by helping them build knowledge and sparking their curiosity. But often students don't gain access to these enriching literacy experiences until they've mastered basic reading skills. Geodes® are here to change that.

Geodes are information-rich books that provide emerging readers with an opportunity to build knowledge while practicing their decoding skills. The collection was founded on the belief that by giving developing readers captivating and inviting books, children will become lifelong learners.

Reading to learn while learning to read



My Geodes® are available in print and through the Great Minds® digital experience.

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING FOR EMERGING AND DEVELOPING READERS

THE SCIENCE OF READING

Each text helps teachers put research-based best practices into action. *Geodes* reinforce students' phonetic knowledge and help them build strong content knowledge and acquire robust vocabulary skills. Students are given the opportunity to transfer their learning while engaging with authentic texts to develop a mastery of reading.

ACCESS FOR ALL

Geodes books are carefully designed to be paired with a strong, explicit phonics or foundational skills program so that students can put their growing phonics skills to practice. All students find moments of pride and accomplishment as they progress from Wordless Picture Books and Sound Search books to Duet Books and, finally, to independent reading of picture books and chapter books.

ENGAGEMENT

Written and illustrated by a talented group of authors and award-winning illustrators, *Geodes* reflect a broad range of identities and diverse experiences, allowing young students to see themselves, others, and worlds both familiar and distant. And each book unites decoding practice with beautiful illustrations and photographs to engage young learners.

“I’ve never seen kids with this level of vocabulary, content knowledge, and decoding skills.”

— KATIE E., READING SPECIALIST
CHARLES C. BELL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, NC



An Approach Rooted in Literacy Research

Geodes allow students to practice constrained and unconstrained skills in tandem rather than decoding isolated from comprehension. Students learn that the purpose of reading is not just to decode but to seek meaning and gain understanding by building knowledge as they explore topics in science, art, and human cultures around the world.



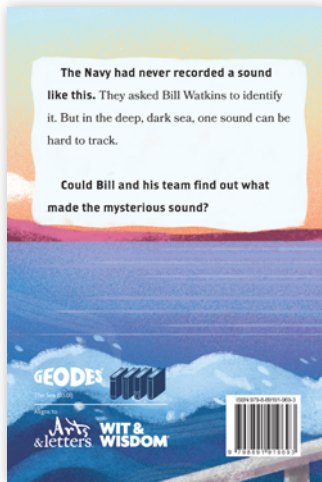
The **Level K** Geodes include 48 unique titles. Students begin with Wordless Picture Books that allow them to tell a story based on a sequence of narrative illustrations before moving to Sound Search Books to boost their letter-sound recognition skills. Next, Duet Books allow students to apply their phonetic knowledge as they tap out words and begin to read with just the right amount of adult assistance.

The **Level 1** Geodes include 64 unique titles. With beautiful artwork and engaging topics, these texts help students truly enjoy exercising their growing phonetic skills as independent readers while building new vocabulary and knowledge.

The **Level 2** Geodes include 64 unique titles. The collection remains 80 percent decodable based on the scope and sequence of Foundations®, the foundational phonics program from Wilson Language Training, even as average sentence lengths increase to help students build reading stamina while enjoying success and independence while reading.

The **Level 3** Geodes include 16 unique titles. Students now read chapter books that allow them to practice and apply what they have learned in their English language arts, foundational skills, and intervention programs as they move toward independent reading of grade-level complex texts and prepare for fourth grade.

Geodes Features



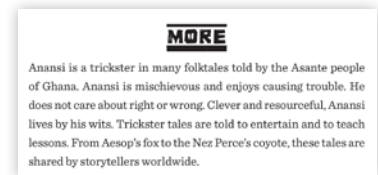
Each back cover highlights a teaser, including a question to pique student curiosity.



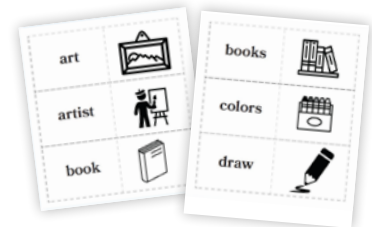
Geodes Quest™ student workbooks in Level 3 include warm-ups, Family Tip Sheets, and additional content and activities for continued student practice.



Warm Up Cards highlight the key phonetic patterns, heart words, and content words featured in each Level 3 book.



The More section—designed to be read aloud by a caregiver or teacher—is a short passage that extends and enhances the information in a Geodes book.



Geodes flash cards help students practice Recurring Content Words as they are introduced in each module.

Professional Development

Great Minds offers professional development and coaching sessions, instructional videos, implementation blog posts, webinars, and more to help educators use Geodes in whole class, small-group, or independent reading settings.

Supporting Practice at Home

For young readers, the only thing more exciting than reading a Geodes book is sharing what they discovered inside with their families. My Geodes provide students both print and digital options to access the books they are reading in class for practice and sharing at home. To support a shared reading experience with Spanish-speaking families, the More sections are available in both English and Spanish.