

Building a Strong Foundation:

A Science-Based Approach to Early Literacy

Every child is capable of greatness.

That firm belief drives everything we do at Great Minds® because we know that with high-quality instructional materials, students can achieve anything. From their first day of school, all students deserve access to instructional materials that align to a strong, research-based approach to building literacy skills and knowledge. These materials must include a foundational reading program that supports explicit phonics instruction, opportunities to apply and practice that learning, and an English language arts (ELA) program that helps students develop deep content knowledge in tandem with how to read texts, write, speak, and listen.

With SIPPS®, Geodes®, and Wit & Wisdom®, educators have the essential instructional materials they need to accelerate learning with a comprehensive literacy curriculum, building skills and knowledge for students in grades K-2.

Published by Collaborative Classroom, SIPPS is a research-based, systematic decoding program that helps readers efficiently develop the accuracy and automaticity needed for fluent, independent reading. Taught in differentiated small groups, SIPPS takes a structured literacy approach to foundational skills instruction through explicit routines focused on phonological/phonemic awareness, spelling-sound correspondences, and high-frequency words.

SIPPS Levels (Beginning, Extension, and Challenge) each correspond to a specific stage of reading development: simple alphabetic, spelling-pattern, and polysyllabic/morphemic. Beginning and Extension Levels include program-specific student decodable texts that provide practice with the skills and concepts taught in SIPPS. We know that additional fluency practice is essential for students to solidify their accuracy and automaticity, and Geodes provides valuable supportive texts while also building students' knowledge of topics encompassing science, history, the arts, and more.

As students construct a strong foundation for reading fluency, Wit & Wisdom provides them with English language arts instruction that ties to the same information-rich content covered in their Geodes books, ensuring that students develop knowledge that will support their reading proficiency and strengthen their comprehension skills. Through explicit phonics instruction, decoding practice, and an ELA program that integrates building knowledge and literacy skills, educators can create a learning environment built on the foundation of the science of reading for their emerging and developing readers.

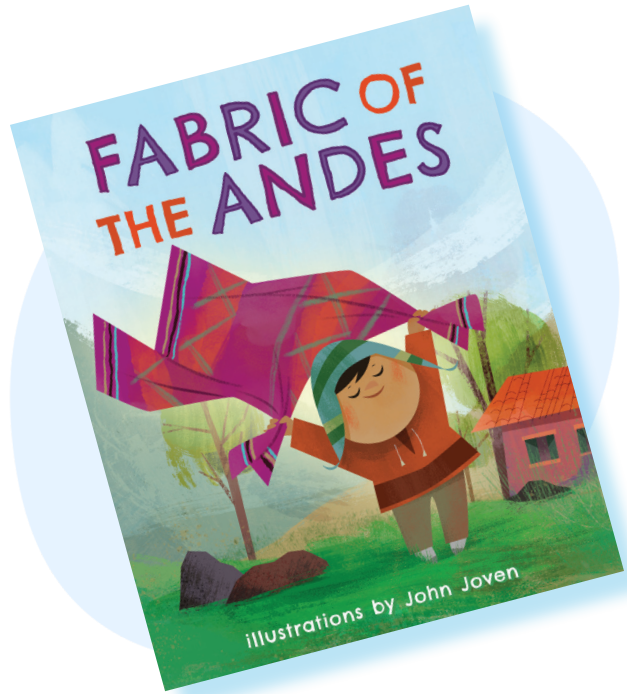
Learn how SIPPS and Geodes work together:

Kindergarten:

Geodes Level K Modules 1 & 2; SIPPS Beginning Level

The Geodes and SIPPS scope and sequences have been matched according to SIPPS lessons and Geodes modules. Students will be able to begin use of Sets 1-2 starting in SIPPS Beginning Level, Lesson 31.

Level K Module 1: The Five Senses



Set 1

Geodes Explore South America

Pelé
Fabric of the Andes
Galápagos Adventures
A Day at the Market

Set 2

Geodes Working the Land

Garden Party
Farm Wrok
Farmer's Market
Sheepdog

Level K Module 2: Once Upon a Farm



Set 1

Geodes Experience Museums

Clay Army
Visit the Art Museum
Museum Cat
Treasures of King Tut

Set 2

Geodes A Day's Work

American Gothic
Red Barn Farm
Peach Picking
Lei Harvest

Geodes Level K Modules 3 & 4; SIPPS Extension Level

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Level K Module 3: America, Then and Now

Set 1

Geodes Homelife

Build a Log Cabin
Three Sisters
Bath Night
Ice Harvest

Set 3

Geodes American Made

Lightning Ben
Frank's Ice Pops
Ella Sang Back
Scraping the Sky

Set 2

Geodes Transportation

Call a Cab
The First Car to Get That Far
The Golden Gate
Fly, Amelia, Fly

Set 4

Geodes National Symbols

The Flag is Up
Statue of Liberty
Sea to Shining Sea
Washington Crossing the Delaware



Level K Module 4: The Continents

Set 1

Geodes Australia

Land of Wonder
Jack, Jill, and Joey
The Great Reef
Hop Around Sydney

Set 3

Geodes Asia

One-Dot
Brush & Ink
Floating Market
Night Climb

Set 2

Geodes Africa

Is That a Cat?
Ladi's Pots
Made of Mud
Anansi and His Legs

Set 4

Geodes Exploring

Map to the Past
Sit and Pain
Tap-Tap to Tuk-Tuk
Sky Laps



Grade 1

Geodes Level 1 Modules 1 - 3; SIPPS Extension Level

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Level 1 Module 1: A World of Books

Set 1

Geodes Sharing Stories

Anansi and the Pot of Beans
The Story in the Cave
The Magical Stack
The Brothers Grimm

Set 2

Geodes Unusual Libraries

Library Cat
The Story Ship
A Library of Our Own
The Library of Fez

Set 3

Geodes Bringing Books to Life

Just in Time
Fed by Art: The Work of Leo Lionni
Jerry Draws
An Illustrator at Work

Set 4

Geodes Books for All

How to Make Paper
The Printing Press
The Story of Louis Braille
A Library to Go

Level 1 Module 2: Creature Features

Set 1

Geodes Creature Code

Velvet Monkey Alarm
Smell Tells
Bee Waggle
Elephant Trunk

Set 2

Geodes Safety First

Super Spiny Mouse
The Crab and the Urchin
Thorny Devil
Stick with Us

Set 3

Geodes Curious Creatures

Small Wonders
A Wish to Fly
One Look
Slug Study

Set 4

Geodes Rabbits and Hares, Oh My!

Rabbit or Hare?
Draw a Rabbit
The Hares and the Frogs
Young Hare

Level 1 Module 3: Powerful Forces

Set 1

Geodes Wind and Earth

Seed Scatter
In Motion
Crafted by the Wind
A Growing Wind

Set 2

Geodes Blown Away

Soaring
Kite Messengers
Full Sail Ahead: A Viking Story
The Wright Brothers

Set 3

Geodes Catching the Wind

Wind Giants
Towers of Nashtifan
Fire at the Mill
Mondrian

Set 4

Geodes The Mighty Wind

Measure the Wind
The Great Storm of Galveston
The Dust Bowl
Ride the Storm

Geodes Level 1 Module 4; SIPPS Extension Level

The Geodes and SIPPS scope and sequences have been matched according to SIPPS lessons and Geodes modules. Students will be able to begin use of Set 4 starting in SIPPS Extension Level, Lesson 24.

Level 1 Module 4: Cinderella Stories

Set 1

Geodes France

Cinderella
Old Tale, New Twist
World Traveler: Eiffel Tower
First Steps

Set 2

Geodes Egypt

The King and the Sandal
One Sign at a Time
World Traveler: The Sphinx
Shoes Tell a Tale

Set 3

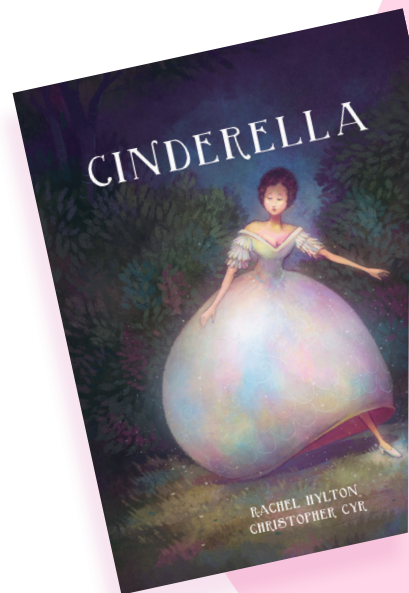
Geodes Curious Ireland

Billy Beg and His Bull
Book of Kells
World Traveler: Hook Lighthouse
Castles

Set 4

Geodes Russia

Cinderella on Stage
A Musical Life: The Work of Sergei Prokofiev
World Traveler: St. Basil's Cathedral
All the World's a Stage



Grade 2

Geodes Level 1 Modules 1 - 4; SIPPS Extension Level

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Geodes Level 2 Modules 1 - 4; SIPPS Challenge Level

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Level 2 Module 1: A Season of Change

Set 1

Geodes Fall

Seed Stash
Cranberry Crop
Leaves
Born to Fly

Set 2

Geodes Winter's Chill

Winters USA
Arctic Caterpillar
The Evergreen Tale
Daytime Darkness

Set 3

Geodes Spring to Life

Spring Fever
Sap to Syrup
Finch Study
Blossom

Set 4

Geodes Summer Fun

Road Trip
Bathers
Nature's Thermometer
Summer Snow

Level 2 Module 2: The American West

Set 1

Geodes Looking West

The West Is...
The Lakota and the Buffalo
Mesa Village
Nez Percé: The People

Set 2

Geodes Go West!

Wagon Tracks
Pony Express
East Meets West
We Must Try

Set 3

Geodes Mountains Majestic

Eagle Eye
Among the Sierra Nevada
More Than Goal
The Legend of El Capitan:
A Miwok Story

Set 4

Geodes Mavericks of the West

Wagons and Yokes
Horizons
Esther Hobart Morris
Walking with the President

Level 2 Module 3: Civil Rights Heroes

Set 1

Geodes Right to Learn

Brown v. Board of Education
And the Winner Is...
Bring a Chair
Free to Move

Set 2

Geodes Extraordinary

Sampson's Disguise
Robinson and Rickey
Zaha Hadid
Stop. Wait. Start.

Set 3

Geodes Uniting Communities

Just Like Jane
Gordon Parks
We Will Ride
The Paralympics

Set 4

Geodes I Voted

A Vote Is a Voice
Expanding the Right to Vote
Susan Adds Her Name
My Freedom Story

Level 2 Module 4: Good Eating

Set 1

Geodes Food to Fuel

The Inside Scoop
Stomach vs. Tongue
How Do You Chew?
Body of Water

Set 2

Geodes Power Up

Sick at Sea
Bone Builder
Space Menu
Please Pass the Bugs

Set 3

Geodes Farm to Table

Garden Study
Milk to Mozzarella
Thank You, Mr. Peanut Man
Rice Staircase

Set 4

Geodes Celebrating with Food

Mooncakes
Lu'au
Matzo Meal
Cakes



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