

Foundational Skills + Geodes + Wit & Wisdom = Proficient Readers, Writers, Speakers, and Listeners



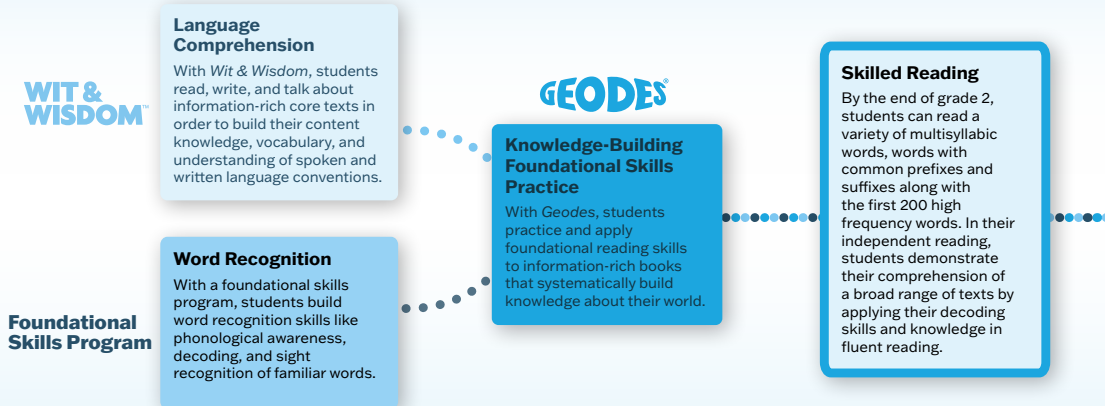
Skilled reading depends on the seamless coordination of **word recognition** and **language comprehension**. Research shows that students develop these abilities best through coherent, rigorous, and content-rich texts. Without this integration, skilled reading breaks down.

That's why schools pair a foundational skills reading program with *Wit & Wisdom*™ and *Geodes*®. Together, they deliver **explicit decoding**, **deep knowledge-building**, and **meaningful practice** in connected texts.

Aligned to the Science of Reading, this approach ensures students build skills and apply them—something *Geodes* uniquely supports through **engaging, knowledge-rich reading experiences**.

THREE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF RESEARCH-BASED LITERACY INSTRUCTION

Wit & Wisdom, *Geodes*, and foundational skills programs support evidence-based instruction, but investing in one without the others shortchanges students in their literacy development. Implementing all three of these elements provides a seamless and holistic learning experience for students in kindergarten through grade 3 by bringing the Science of Reading to life in every classroom.



State-of-the-Art Foundational Skills Development

Systematic, explicit foundational skills instruction is essential for learning to read and write. Really Great Reading®, Foundations®, 95 Phonics Core Program, SIPPS, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, and more deliver this through **a clear scope and sequence** that builds decoding skills cumulatively, reducing confusion and driving mastery.

Paired with *Wit & Wisdom* and *Geodes*, **students don't just learn skills; they apply them.**

Together, these programs connect foundational skills with knowledge-building and meaningful reading experiences to develop confident, capable readers.



Geodes: Knowledge-Building Foundational Skills Practice

Geodes are books for emerging and developing readers that **systematically weave foundational skills practice together with fascinating content** so students build fluency while they experience the delight of acquiring new knowledge.

Geodes expand access for all students. Aligned with the scope and sequence of Foundations and other foundational skills programs, most texts are at least 80% decodable.

Built-in scaffolds and explicit vocabulary support help students tackle and understand richer, more complex texts.

At the same time, Geodes are knowledge-rich, offering 192 engaging titles in connected sets across science, social studies, and the arts, aligned to *Wit & Wisdom* topics to deepen understanding and engagement.

Spanning Levels K–3, students build foundational skills while developing knowledge from the start. They begin with wordless and sound-focused texts to build early decoding, then apply phonics in supported reading before progressing to increasingly complex, knowledge-rich texts. As they grow, students build stamina, confidence, and the ability to decode, understand, and enjoy what they read.



Wit & Wisdom: Core, Content-Rich ELA Curriculum

Wit & Wisdom is an ELA curriculum that builds confident readers, writers, and thinkers through **knowledge-rich texts and integrated literacy instruction**. Students engage with high-quality literature and informational texts to develop vocabulary, knowledge, and critical thinking. By connecting reading, writing, and speaking and listening in coherent modules, students build both fluency and the ability to understand and learn from what they read.

This unique combination of resources helps K–3 students become proficient and confident readers, writers, speakers, and listeners—all while acquiring important knowledge of social studies, science, the arts, and other subjects that will help them succeed in school and in life.



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