



STCA Year-at-a-Glance Curriculum

Subject: ELA

Grade-Level: 4th Grade

Focus: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, Language

Textbook Resource(s): Wit and Wisdom, Foundations, ReadWell

Other Resource(s): i-Ready, IXL, Achieve 3000, selected novel studies and mentor texts

Wit and Wisdom offers modules, or units of study. Each module integrates reading, writing, and language skills. Each module has an **essential question** that guides our study. Below, please find detailed information on each module's focus of study and end-of-unit product.

Trimester 1 (August-January)	Trimester 2 (February-June)
<p>Module 1: <i>The Sea</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Why do people explore the sea?● Informative Writing on the essential question (above), informed by the following texts<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Amos and Boris</i> by William Steig○ Various informational texts, including texts on scientists Jacques Cousteau and Clyde Roper● Language Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Parts of speech○ Simple and compound sentences○ Capitalize titles○ Determine word meanings using context and word parts <p>Module 2: <i>Outer Space</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● How do people learn about space?● Opinion Writing: Students write an essay in which they express their opinion on humankind's most important attempt to explore space, using module texts to support their opinion.● Language Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sentence variety○ Conjunctions○ Determine the meaning of unknown words in context and distinguishing literal and nonliteral language	<p>Module 3: <i>A New Home</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● How do stories help us understand immigrants' experiences?● Narrative Writing from the point of view of a character from one of the module's core texts, such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Grandfather's Journey</i> and <i>Tea with Milk</i> by Allen Say○ <i>Family Pictures</i> by Carmen Lomas Garza○ <i>The Keeping Quilt</i> by Patricia Polacco● Language Skills:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Regular and irregular verbs○ Plural and abstract nouns○ Subject-verb agreement○ Commas, quotation marks, apostrophes <p>If time allows, students will also delve into:</p> <p>Module 4: <i>Artists Make Art</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● What is an artist?● Informational writing based in research on an artist from the module, such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dancer Alvin Ailey○ Poet William Carlos Williams○ Painter Jackson Pollock○ Opera singer Marian Anderson● Language Skills

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