



Tips for Families

Kindergarten Module 4 | *The Continents*



We are excited about the skills and knowledge that your student will build in *Arts & Letters*™ kindergarten module 4. Read on to learn more—and for ideas about how you can support learning outside of school.

What topic is my student studying?

Arts & Letters students build knowledge of important topics in history, science, and literature. They build their vocabulary and background knowledge so that they are ready to learn more. In kindergarten module 4, *The Continents*, students explore the world through texts. They answer the module's Essential Question: What makes the world fascinating?

Support your student by asking questions like these about the topic:

- What do you find fascinating?
- What places would you like to learn more about?

What is my student reading?

Arts & Letters students read books, poems, and articles. They study art. They watch knowledge-building videos. Together, these resources build students' knowledge and reading skills. In kindergarten module 4, students listen to and learn from these books:

- *Continents: What You Need to Know*, Jill Sherman
- *Beginner's World Atlas, Fifth Edition*, National Geographic Kids
- *My First Day*, Phùng Nguyễn Quang and Huỳnh Kim Liên
- *Sing to the Moon*, Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl and Sandra van Doorn
- *Titanosaur: Discovering the World's Largest Dinosaur*, José Luis Carballido, Diego Pol, and Florencia Gigena
- *Winged Wonders: Solving the Monarch Migration Mystery*, Meeg Pincus and Yas Imamura

Support your student by talking about books and reading together at home. Discuss where the books you read together take place.

What is my student writing?

In *Arts & Letters*, students write about what they are learning, and they build their skills by writing stories, opinion paragraphs, and informative paragraphs. Modules typically focus on one writing type. In *The Continents*, students plan, organize, and write opinion paragraphs about the world.

Support your student's writing by encouraging them to write at home. Invite your student to draw and write about a place that they find fascinating.



What vocabulary is my student learning?

The more vocabulary students know, the more successfully they can read, write, and speak.

In this module, your student will study and use these words:

- adventure
- citizen
- continent
- discovery
- fascinating
- journey
- migration
- teamwork
- unfamiliar

Support learning outside of school by using these words with your student. Invite your student to discuss times when they showed teamwork. Discuss an imaginary journey or adventure you and your student might take on a fascinating continent.

What else can we do to continue learning outside of school?

If you speak a language other than English, speak and read with your student in your home language. This practice can help them develop strong literacy skills.

Explore maps with your student. View print or online maps with your student and invite them to share what they notice.

Visit a local landmark with your student. Invite your student to ask questions about the place you visited and describe what makes it fascinating.

