MODULE 1

SECOND GRADE

What's Happening in English Language Arts Class?

Your child's class will use Arts and Letters as our English Language Arts curriculum. By reading and responding to excellent fiction and nonfiction, your student will learn about key history, science, and literature topics.

A SEASON OF CHANGE

In this first module, ***A Season of Change***, we will study how the world changes every season. We will explore the colors and changes in the seasons. We will also look at paintings of rainy, sunny, and snowy land. We will discover how seasonal change affects people and nature.

OUR CLASS WILL
READ THESE BOOKS:

Literary

- The Little Yellow Leaf, Carin Berger
- Poetree, Shauna LaVoy Reynolds and Shahrzad Maydani

Informational

- *The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder*, Mark Cassino, Jon Nelson, and Nora Aoyagi
- *Why Do Leaves Change Color?* Betsy Maestro and Loretta Krupinski

Literary Nonfiction

- Sky Tree: Seeing Science Through Art, Thomas Locker

OUR CLASS WILL
READ THIS POEM:

- "September," Sharon Ruth Gill and Lee Hodges

OUR CLASS WILL
LOOK AT THESE PAINTINGS:

- Autumn Landscape, Maurice de Vlaminck
- Bathers at Asnières, Georges Seurat
- Fall Begins, Alma Thomas

A Season of Change

OUR CLASS WILL ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

- How does seasonal change affect nature and people?
- Do you have a favorite season?
- Why is it your favorite?
- When I say the word change, what do you think of?

STUDENT WRITING:

Each module focuses on one writing type. In *A Season of Change*, students plan, organize, and write stories about characters who experience seasonal change.

You can support your child's writing by encouraging them to write at home. You can also encourage them to observe seasonal change and draw and write to describe what they see.

VOCABULARY

The more vocabulary students know, the more successfully they can read, write, and speak. In this module, your child will study and use these words:

affect	cycle	snow crystal
autumn	nature	spring
blossom	pigment	temperature
branch	reluctant	weather
change	respond	winter
conditions	season	

How can I help my child outside of school?

- **Read in Your Home Language:** If you speak another language, read and speak with your child in that language to build strong literacy skills.
- **Observe a Neighborhood Tree:** Choose a tree to watch through the seasons, and have your child create art (drawing, painting, sculpture) of it each time.
- **Track Weather & Temperatures:** Use monthly calendars to record weather. Discuss observations, questions, and seasonal patterns with your child weekly and monthly.