

Tips for Families

Level K Module 1 | *The Five Senses*

We are excited about the skills and knowledge that your student will build in *Arts & Letters*™ kindergarten module 1. 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 1, *The Five Senses*, students explore how their senses help them experience the world. They answer the module's Essential Question: How do people use their senses to experience the world?

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

- What foods do you love to taste?
- What sounds do you hear where we live?

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 1, students listen to and learn from these books:

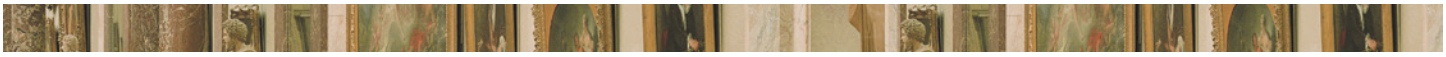
- *My Five Senses*, Aliki
- *Last Stop on Market Street*, Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson
- *Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles—Think of That!*, Leo Dillon and Diane Dillon
- *"Smelly" Kelly and His Super Senses: How James Kelly's Nose Saved the New York City Subway*, Beth Anderson and Jenn Harney
- *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story*, Kevin Noble Maillard and Juana Martinez-Neal

Support your student by talking about books and reading together at home.

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. Kindergarten module 1 serves as an introduction to writing. Students learn how drawing and writing help them communicate.

Support your student's writing by encouraging them to write at home. Invite your student to draw and label or write about their favorite things to see, hear, smell, taste, and feel.



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:

- discover
- experience
- extraordinary
- hearing
- rhythm
- senses
- sight
- smell
- taste
- touch
- witness

Support learning outside of school by using these words with your student. Point out when your student uses these words. Name when your student uses their five senses.

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.

Play a guessing game using the five senses with your student. Cover your student's eyes and present your student with an item that they can hear, smell, or taste. Invite your student to guess the item.

As you participate in various activities together at home or in your community, ask your student which senses they are experiencing, and encourage them to identify which body parts they are using.

Interior view of the Grande Galerie, 16th–19th century. Bridgeman Images

