Before independently reading and writing about complex texts, students must master the building blocks of reading and writing. *Wit & Wisdom*® must be implemented along with a systematic, research-based foundational skills program. *Wit & Wisdom* lessons do not explicitly teach foundational skills other than fluency, which is explicitly and comprehensively addressed.

*Wit & Wisdom* lessons are designed to reinforce the teaching of foundational skills with phonics-aligned, readable texts called Geodes®. Geodes bridge K–2 students’ application of sound-spelling patterns with deep knowledge building around topics studied in *Wit & Wisdom*.

In Levels K through 2, Geodes are accessible and readable because they directly correspond with the sound-spelling patterns taught in related phonics units. They also correspond to *Wit & Wisdom* read-aloud texts. Individually and collectively, these modules empower students with the literary, historical, scientific, artistic, and cultural knowledge required for successful thinking and citizenship. In each module, students encounter quality texts that influence, extend, and often challenge their knowledge of the world.
When this red fox runs for a hunt, you do not wish to stand up front.

In one big group, we face the threat. So stick with us—it’s your best bet!

We are no snack to sit and munch! Ask us the plan? Stick in a bunch.

Which animals stick together to stay safe?
Inside Geodes is the teacher resource for Geodes. Inside Geodes includes a comprehensive introduction to the module design and components and provides suggestions for implementation. Each book has an accompanying Book Note. Book Notes offer flexible teaching opportunities for each book through a scannable, consistent structure. The Book Notes help educators understand the features of each book and provide multiple options for instruction.