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PILOT PROGRAM @ NWS!

**OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM!**

## MODULE 1: THE FIVE SENSES

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

**How do people use their senses to experience the world?**



## NWS: ARTS & LETTERS PILOT PROGRAM

### WHAT IS A PILOT PROGRAM?

THE ARTS & LETTERS PILOT PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR SCHOOLS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CURRICULUM BEFORE THEY COMMIT TO A FULL IMPLEMENTATION.



SEE YOUR CLASSROOMS COME TO LIFE WITH STUDENTS PASSIONATELY READING, WRITING, SPEAKING, AND LISTENING. THROUGH THE ARTS & LETTERS™ INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACH, STUDENTS BUILD KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS BY ENGAGING WITH AUTHENTIC, KNOWLEDGE-RICH TEXTS. ARTS & LETTERS IS DESIGNED TO EMPOWER EDUCATORS, INSPIRE JOYFUL LEARNING, AND IGNITE STUDENT INQUIRY.



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## OUR 1ST GRADE CLASSROOM!

### MODULE 2: CREATURE FEATURES

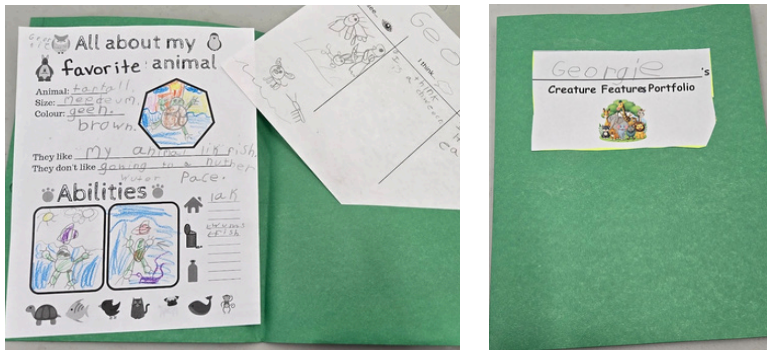
#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

**What do people learn by studying animals?**



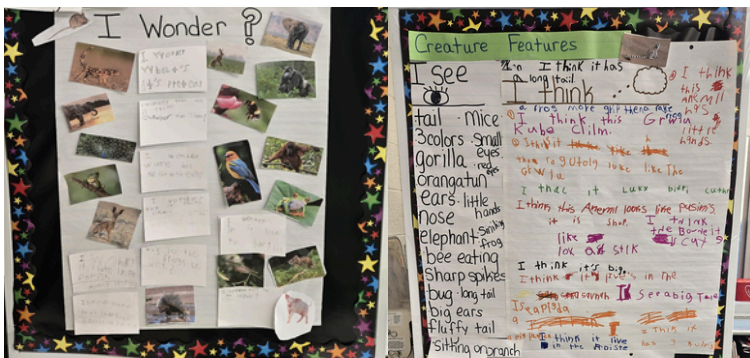
For Grade 1, Module 2 Feature Creatures, Module 2 is perfect for this time of year as it aligns with our curriculum and report card standards.

Grade 1 spends ample time on an animal unit, culminating with students writing a book about an animal (we will see at the Bronx Zoo,) teaching their peers about their animal, and then having our bookend finale of visiting the Bronx Zoo. So this module is a perfect fit for our curriculum, writing, and science skills.



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## OUR 2ND GRADE CLASSROOM!

### MODULE 1: A SEASONS OF CHANGE

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

**How does seasonal change affect nature and people?**



In Arts and Letters Module 1, A Change of Seasons, second grade students explored how seasonal change affects nature and people. Students participated in a nature walk outside where they observed the sights, sounds, and changes happening in their environment.

They shared what they saw, heard, and felt, using descriptive language to discuss seasonal changes. After returning to the classroom, students worked together to create an anchor chart of their observations and ideas.



EQ: How does seasonal change affect nature and people?

#### Winter Walk Observations

- Winter
- cold
- salt on blacktop
- no plants