

WIT & WISDOM

Building MENTAL Muscles

- **Wit and Wisdom** is a comprehensive English Language Arts Curriculum that SBPS has adopted for our students in Grades 3-8. Each Wit and Wisdom unit centers on the study of rich and engaging texts that build knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences.
- SBPS students will engage in a wide range of high-quality, award-winning, authentic texts. Students will build knowledge of important topics and master literacy skills. The texts are varied and include a careful balance of literacy, informational, and fine-art texts.
- Every unit of study in each grade focuses on a topic essential for building background knowledge, vocabulary, and writing skills. For example, students learn about the American Revolution, civil rights, and space exploration.
- Wit and Wisdom utilizes an integrated approach enabling student success. Students practice reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language all within a daily lesson.

Core Practices

Core Practices of Wit and Wisdom include:

- Questioning
- Annotating
- Summarizing
- Collecting Evidence

Example Books



Key Student Strategies

- Build knowledge from reading W&W texts
- Engage in explicit writing instruction and frequent, diverse writing opportunities which enable students to articulate understandings
- Actively speak and listen
- Study lots of vocabulary to improve comprehension
- Regularly practice fluency
- Actively engage in texts and discussions

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