

Welcome!

Grade 3, Unit 1

Classic Tales:

The Wind in the Willows

In this unit, students will be exposed to classic children's stories and will learn about the elements of fictional narratives.

What's the story?

Students will explore interesting **themes** and discuss **character traits** through a variety of classics, from *The Wind in the Willows* to a selection from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

What will my student learn?

Students will learn about the **elements of fictional narratives**, including dialogue, narration, characters, plot, and setting. They will be **exposed to rich language** and a variety of **vocabulary** and will **discuss literature** with their teacher and classmates.

Students will be guided through a variety of **writing experiences** focused on different purposes for their writing. They will also **collaborate** with their classmates and **share** their **ideas** as they develop and deepen their understanding of these literacy skills.

Conversation starters

Ask your student questions about the unit to promote discussion and continued learning:

1. Who were the main characters in your reading today?
Follow up: What are some adjectives you would use to describe those characters?
2. Where did the story you read today take place?
Follow up: How would you describe that setting?
3. What are themes? (broad ideas that come up many times over the course of a story or book)
Follow up: What are some of the recurring themes that you have noticed in the stories you have been reading or in the stories your teacher has been reading to you?
4. I know you have been learning about the word *meandered* in this unit. Can you use that word in a sentence for me? I will try to use it in a sentence too!
5. Whose perspective was your Read-Aloud told from today?
Follow up: How did you know that?