

What Makes Us Who We Are?

HELLO, FAMILY!

Over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about identity, with a focus on a variety of story types. We will read texts and view videos about how our experiences help shape our identity.

Children will also write an expository essay about how an experience helped shape their identity by comparing their experience and feelings to those of the characters in the module.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Discuss the Topic

Set aside time daily for your child to share with you what he or she is learning. Use these ideas to help build your child's knowledge about the topic:

- Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map each week.
- Ask about the texts your child is reading and what he or she has learned from them.
- Share with your child your own questions about the topic, and work together to find the answers.

Explore the Genre

The genre focus in this module is different kinds of stories, including fantasy, realistic fiction, and folktales. Discuss with your child the similarities and differences of these story types.

Ask your child to read to you each day and make time to read together.



Build Vocabulary

Use these ideas to help your child build a rich vocabulary.

The Big Idea Reinforce the topic words *identity*, *pursuit*, *experience*, and *wisdom* in everyday conversations with your child. Use prompts like these: How has your **wisdom** helped you? Describe a positive **experience**.

What Does It Mean? Have your child keep a growing list of the Critical Vocabulary words. Quiz each other on their meanings.

Word Hunt Look for words with the prefixes *un-*, *in-*, *im-*, *mis-*, *pre-* and suffixes *-y*, *-ly* in books and online texts.