

1st - 3rd Grade Programs

Taking an out-of-the box approach, the Museum's literacy outreach program utilizes exhibits and artifacts to help students expand their language skills and make real-world connections by bringing the Museum into classrooms. The words and concepts come alive, and students read the world around them!

A is for Automobiles: Exploring the many aspects of travel through mapping activities and discovering points of interest in Michigan.

Sample Vocabulary: souvenir, map key

B is for Boxes: Unwrap surprising facts about boxes and how we use them!

Sample Vocabulary: storage, display

F is for Fossils: Uncover the mysteries of fossils as you learn about paleontology and Michigan's geological past.

Sample Vocabulary: geologist, trilobite

2-day Option (a more intense look at how fossil formation and mineral classification)

J is for Japan: A look at unique Japanese cultural aspects such as design, poetry and ceremonial dress.

Sample Vocabulary: kimono, haiku

N is for Numismatics: Money! A "valuable" look at how money is made, where it comes from, and how it is used.

Sample Vocabulary: numismatics, value

M is for Musical Instruments: Students will explore the power of music, how it makes them feel and learn how to classify instruments.

Sample Vocabulary: strings, orchestra

R is for Rocks: 3rd Grade Only Where do rocks come from? How are they classified? What is their importance in our daily lives?

Sample Vocabulary: metamorphic, mineral

Space: Space - the final frontier - or is it? Learn about the basics of space and see what it's like to be an astronaut.

Sample Vocabulary: atmosphere, solar system

U is for USA: "Oh say can you see" - students examine the meaning behind many of America's symbols.

Sample Vocabulary: symbol, campaign

Z is for Zoology: Do you have what it takes to be a mammal? Let's find out!

Sample Vocabulary: mammal, invertebrate

2-day Option (learn about animal life cycles)

