

Welcome!

Grade 1, Unit 2 The Human Body

Dear Family Member,

In this unit, students will explore and make discoveries about their own bodies using an interactive approach.

What's the story?

The Read-Alouds for this unit are presented through a pediatrician named Dr. Welbody, who tells students about their **body systems** as well as the **different organs** that are part of the body and the jobs they do.

What will my student learn?

Students will learn **healthy habits** and **how to take care of their bodies** by focusing on the **five keys to good health**. They will be introduced to **Edward Jenner** and **Louis Pasteur**, whose research and discoveries in the field of vaccines led to the **cure of many diseases**. Vaccination and natural immunity are discussed, as well.

Throughout the unit, students will explore **informational writing** and will learn to **identify** important information in their Read-Alouds. They will work as a class on **taking notes** about what they read and will **write about the five body systems**.

Conversation starters

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

1. What are some of the organs you have inside your body?
Follow up: What is the one organ that is on the outside of your body? Hint: it is your biggest organ and it covers all of the other organs. (skin)
2. Why do you have a skeleton?
Follow up: What do your skull bones protect? (brain) Where is your spine? Where are your ribs?
3. What do muscles do?
Follow up: How do they help digest the food you eat?
4. Why is blood important to your body?
Follow up: What organ pumps the blood through your body? What are some ways you can keep your heart healthy and strong?