

# This is Knot a Quipu (May 2014)

The knots at the end of each piece of string are numerical quipu encodings of the numbers 1-5. The small piece of wood tied to each string indicates the beginning of a line, and the widths between the wood piece and the final knot on each string match the widths of the lines of text on the class gift bench. When a piece of string is matched up with its appropriate line, the loop on the string is positioned to indicate a letter. The quipu knots indicate the ordering of these letters, which spell out **ETUDE**.