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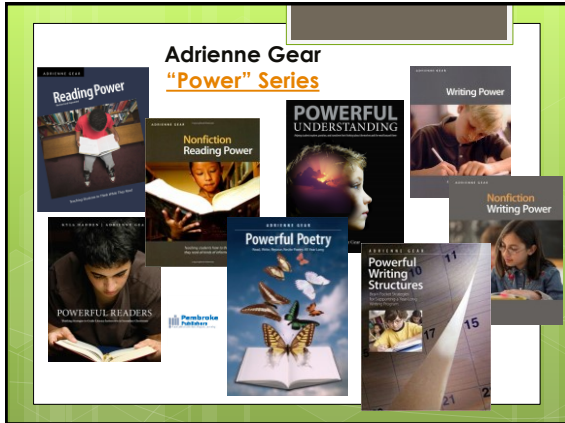
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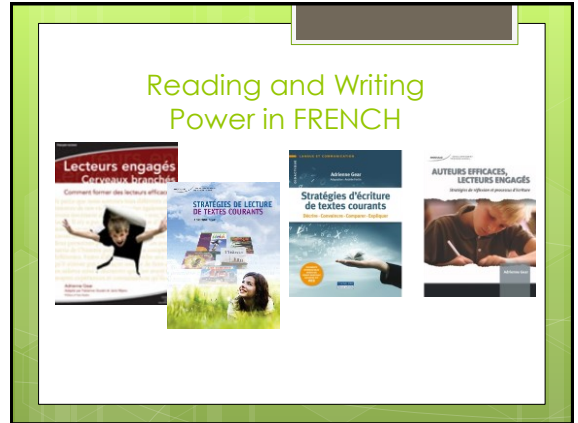
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Let's Warm Up!

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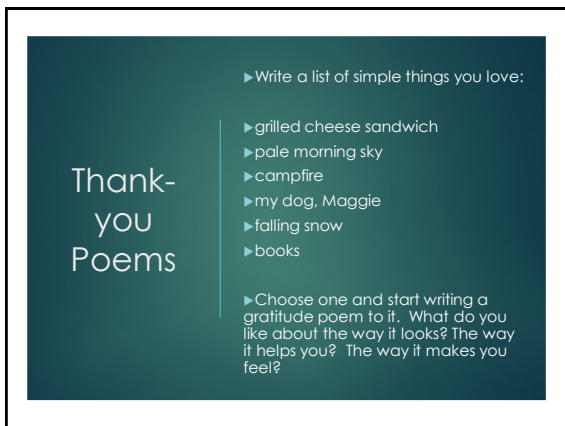
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Gratitude Poems - from Mrs. Labrecque's Grade 1/2



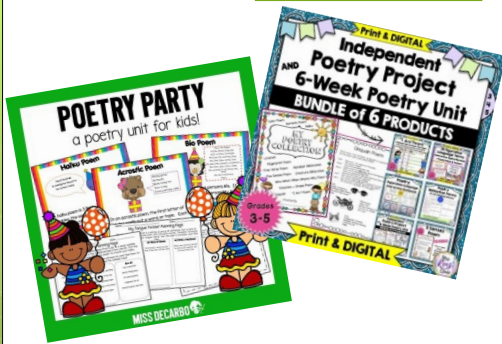
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Reflection Time...

- What are your biggest challenges or roadblocks when it comes to teaching poetry?



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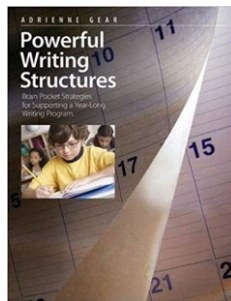
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...poetry needs a space and a place in all of our classrooms, not as a unit we teach but as a language we speak. Poetry lives in each of us. We just might need a little help finding it."

Adrienne Gear

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MAJOR WRITING STRUCTURES

Personal Narrative (Walking Stories and Event Stories)	Term 1
Nonfiction Writing (Description, Instruction, Persuasion, Comparison, Biography)	Term 2
Story Writing (Climbing Stories)	Term 3
Poetry (Free verse, Acrostic, Haiku, Cinquain, Concrete, List, Limerick)	ALL THREE

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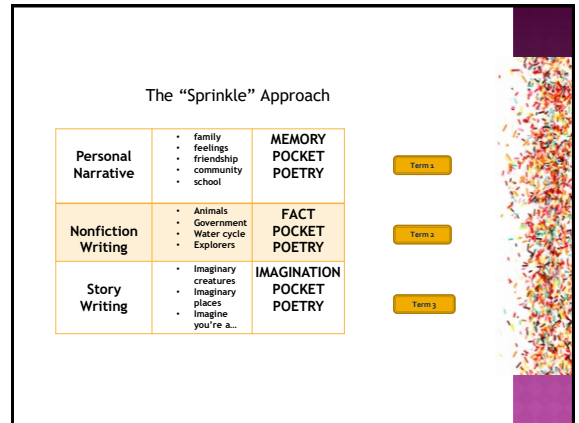
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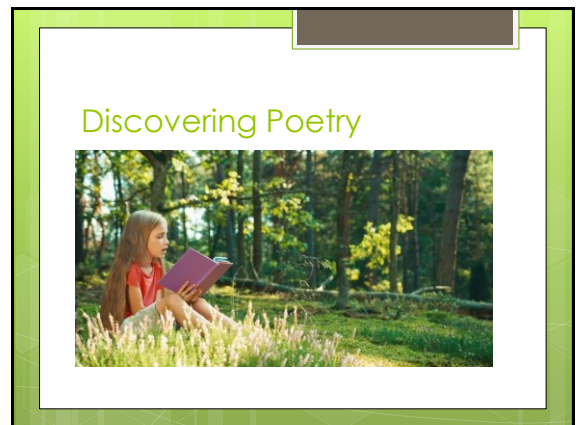
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What is POETRY?



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Poetry has...

Different Structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haiku Acrostic Diamante Cinquain List Limerick 	Different Devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simile Personification Metaphor Alliteration Repetition Onomatopoeia
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"But ultimately, a poem is greater than the sum of its parts. A good poem isn't just words, white spaces, structure, and poetic devices; it is a gift that the poet leaves behind for us – a feeling, a wonder, an image, a connection.... Poetry lingers."

(Powerful Poetry – page 12)

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Poetry is an experience

Visual – what does a poetry look like?
Auditory – what does a poetry sound like?
Cognitive – what does a poetry make us think about?
Emotional – how does a poetry make us feel?

sight, sound, thought, feeling

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What does Poetry look like?

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numerous variations each from one brother to another. They swing and bow to right and left, to show their to the glowing center of the Congo square. Some are represented above the competition. They then have been slip the ground, and a slow motion with it, as seen in the film of a film. The dramatic scene is to be seen. A string of broken and open beds begin very early and become vigorous. The woman's voice was in a moderate tempo. Among the others of these Congo rhythms is one of some great value. She stands in the sun and with an expression. They get her, and she sings, as a child. You see it in the ground. She stands, and then it is in the place, ready to be seen. She has the habit of never getting the eye. The scene she first back in front, or working with some other matter with her motions and building the air from of her, who follow their singing the way and then.

Line 1: "I've been back and forth between the trees and the fence. There it shot up to the ceiling like a standard expression."

Verse and tried to catch it, but it never missed a trick. So finally gave up and got a heartie zick.

Flying Popcorn


A piece of popcorn, popped from the pan and flew across the kitchen like September.

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Poetry is visual



- Is written by a **poet** (poet's name appears)
- Always has a **title**
- Has more **white spaces** (for our thinking!)
- Usually has **shorter lines** than stories
- Sometimes divided into sections called **"stanzas"**

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Discovering Poetry

What does poetry look like?

- Has a title.
- Shorter lines
- Fewer words
- More white spaces
- Stanzas

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What does Poetry sound like?




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Things – Eloise Greenfield

Went to the corner
Walked to the store
Bought me some candy
Ain't got it no more,
Ain't got it no more.

Went to the beach
Played on the shore
Built me a sandhouse
Ain't got it no more,
Ain't got it no more.

Went to the kitchen
Lay down on the floor
Wrote me a poem.
Still got it.
Still got it.



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The Three R's of Poetry

- Rhyme
- Repetition
- Rhythm

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What are the 3 R's in this poem?

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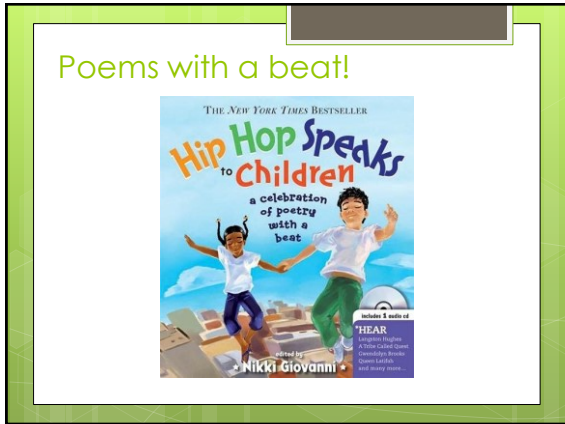


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What feelings do you get when you read this poem?

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Poem

I loved my friend
He went away from me
There's nothing more to say
The poem ends,
Soft as it began-
I loved my friend.

—Langston Hughes (1902–1967)

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What does poetry make us think about?

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THINGS

What does this poem mean?

Some things don't last but a poem lasts for ever!

Eloise Greenfield told **us something old in a new way!**

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My Dog

<p>My Dog</p> <p>My dog is cute My dog is fun I love my dog.</p>	<p>My Dog</p> <p>My dog Poppy, Best dog Poppy, His tail tickles my legs. His feet smell like wood chips. Best friend, Poppy.</p>
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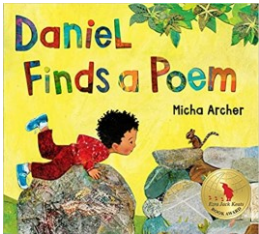
Finding Poems Where They Hide



Poetry is not just a form of writing but, ultimately, a way of seeing the world. It is important that we help students discover that poems are everywhere! They just need to use their "poet's eyes" to find them!

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Great anchor book using "poet's eyes" and finding poems everywhere!



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Using your Poet's eyes

Poems are hiding everywhere! Use your poet's eyes to look at the world.
Pay attention.
Notice.
See things in different ways.



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Pinecone Poem



Pinecone Poem by A. Gear


Pinecone, pinecone
On the forest floor
Pinecone, pinecone
Can't buy you in a store.

Pinecone, pinecone
Spikey brown scales
Pinecone, pinecone,
Marking up the trails.

Pinecone, pinecone,
Not a cone to eat
Pinecone, pinecone
But such a forest treat.

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"I used my poet's eyes, Ms. Gear."



Grass
Grass OH GRASS
In springtime
You TIKI my toes.

Grass OH GRASS
In summer
You scratch my legs.

Grass OH GRASS
I like TIKLES BETTER.
By Lily

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PART 2: Experiencing Poetry

Once we make the shift in our thinking that poetry isn't just something we fit in but something we live in, poetry becomes a natural addition to our day-to-day practice.

- A. Gear

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Experiencing Poetry

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- "Table with a label" - POETRY



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Table with a Label



Poetry Books

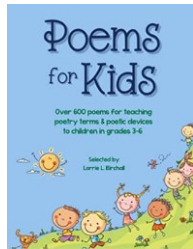
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Poetry Collections



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Poems to teach poetic devices and terms



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Sun, Sun – Robert Heidbreder

"Sun, Sun overhead,
What's your colour?"

"I am red."

"Sun, Sun, fiery fellow,
What's your color?"

"I am yellow."

"Sun, Sun, in sky of blue,
What's your colour?"

"Orange too,
I'm golden yellow,
Orange and red,
A burning fire above your head!"



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Poet-TREE

POET'S TREE
Underneath the poet tree
Come and rest awhile with me,
And watch the way the words and verses
Between the shady ivy leaves,
The branches of the poet tree
Reach from the mountains to the sea.
So come and dream, or come and think—
Just don't get hit by falling rhymes.
—Shel Silverstein

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Shel Silverstein

Falling Up
poems and drawings by
Shel Silverstein

A Light in the Attic
25th Anniversary Edition
poems and drawings by
Shel Silverstein

Where the Sidewalk Ends
40 YEARS
the poems and drawings of
Shel Silverstein

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FOR SALE

One sister for sale!
One sister for sale!
One crying and spying young sister for sale!
I'm really not kidding,
So who'll start the bidding?
Do I hear a dollar?
A nickel?
A penny?
Oh, isn't there, isn't there, isn't there any
One kid who will buy this old sister for sale,
This crying and spying young sister for sale?

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Robert Heidbreder

Don't Eat Spiders
poems by Robert Heidbreder • illustrations by Anita Holm

Enie Meenie Manitoba
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Crocodiles Play!
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The Hairy Bear


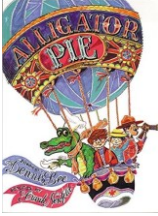
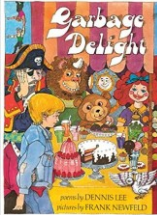
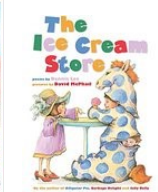


The hairy bear
took a jet up high,
To catch the bear
in the big bare sky.
The hairy bear
flew his jet right by,
The bear balloon
in the big bare sky.
He popped the balloon
with his hairy
thumb,
And the bare bear fell
on his big bum
bum.




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Dennis Lee

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Dennis Lee

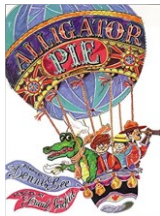
ALLIGATOR PIE

Dennis Lee

Alligator pie, alligator pie,
If I don't get some I think I'm gonna die.
Give away the green grass, give away the sky,
But don't give away my alligator pie.

Alligator stew, alligator stew,
If I don't get some I don't know what I'll do.
Give away my furry hat, give away my shoe,
But don't give away my alligator stew.

Alligator soup, alligator soup,
If I don't get some I think I'm gonna droop.
Give away my hockey stick, give away my hoop,
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Jack Prelutsky





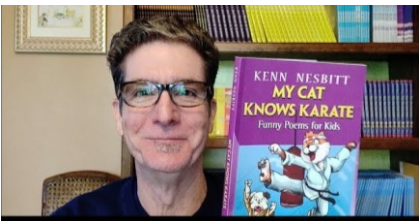



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Kenn Nesbitt

<https://www.poetry4kids.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxB98X7qdo0>




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Langston Hughes





my people

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April Rain Song



Let the rain kiss you
 Let the rain beat upon your head with silver
 liquid drops
 Let the rain sing you a lullaby

The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk
 The rain makes running pools in the gutter
 The rain plays a little sleep song on our roof at
 night
 And I love the rain.

- Langston Hughes

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Elouise Greenfield



Books shown include: *My Puppy Poet and Me*, *Under the Sunday Tree*, *Honey, I Love*, *IN THE LAND OF WORDS*, and *THINNER*.

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Myra Cohn Livingston



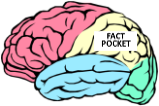
Books shown include: *A Time to Talk*, *REMEMBERING and Other Poems*, *CAT POEMS*, and *Birthday Poems*.

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Fact Pocket Poetry

LINK to your content areas:

- Animals
- Explorers
- Ancient Civilization
- Planets – Space
- Environment



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Favorite Nonfiction Poets

- o Douglas Florian
- o Joyce Kilmer
- o Marilyn Singer
- o Nicola Davies

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Marilyn Singer



Books shown include: *A STRANGE PLACE TO CALL HOME*, *A STICK is an EXCELLENT THING*, *The Company of CROWS*, *Echo Echo*, and *Turtle in July*.

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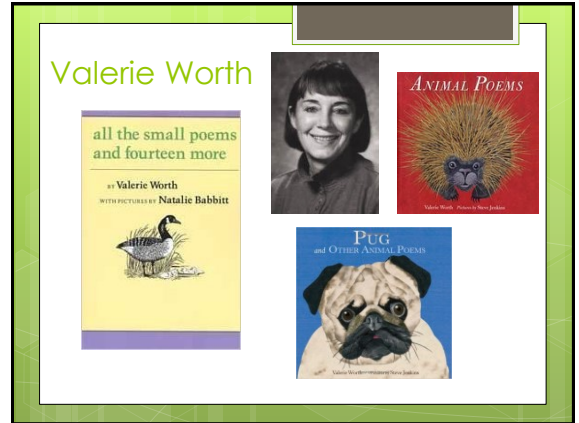
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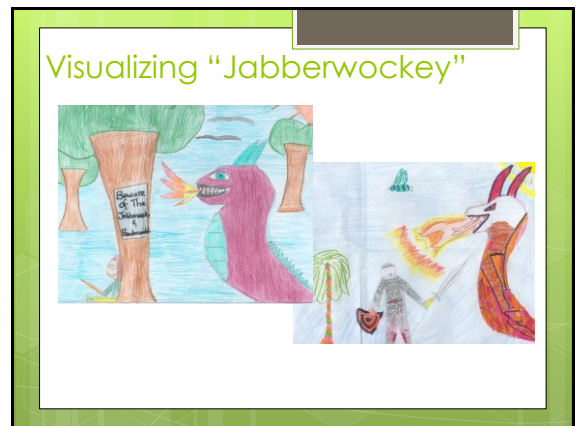
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Poems about Seasons



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Poems About Space



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Poems About Math



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Poems about Nature



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Poems about Spelling!



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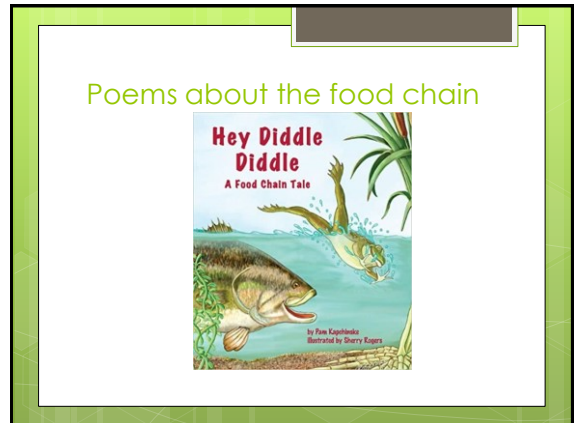
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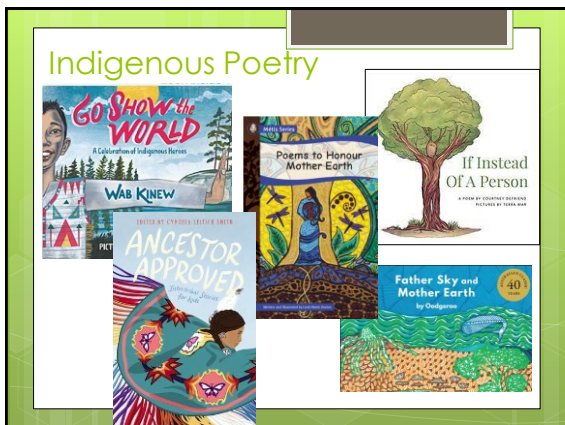
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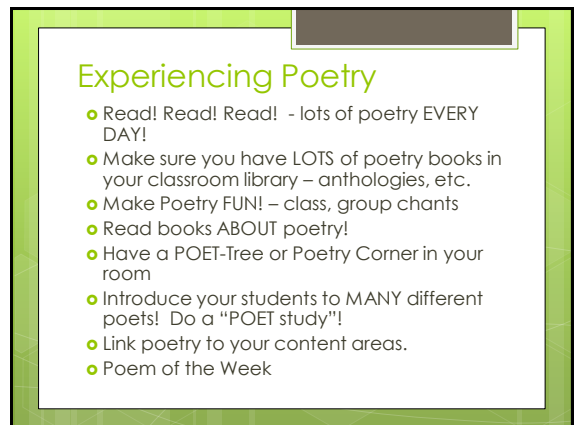
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Drinking Fountain – Marchette Chute

When I climb up
to take a drink,
It doesn't work
the way you'd think.

I turn it up,
the water goes
And hits me right
upon the nose


I turn it down
to make it small
And don't get any
drink at all.



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What do you notice?
Look? Sound? Feel? Think?

- 3 R's?
- Stanzas?
- Meaning?
- Connections?
- Feelings?
- Teachable Features



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Poem of the Week Suggestions

Poem	Teachable Features
"Things" by Eloise Greenfeld	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repetition • Rhyme • Rhythm • Infer meaning: poems last forever
"A Book" by Myra Cohn Livingston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personification • Infer meaning: books are friends
"Drinking Fountain" by Marchette Chute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhyme • Rhythm • Humour • Visualizing
"March" by Enola Chamberland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhyme pattern • Personification

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Poem of the Week –
Written Response

Connections	Visual image
The 3 R's? Rhyming words	Feelings
Repetition	
Rhythm	


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Poetry Response

This poem reminds me of ...
When I went to the park it was so sunny and it made me thirsty so I went to the fountain.

Here are some favourite words from this poem:
hits
climb
nose
upon

This is the picture I had in my mind when I read the poem.



Here are some feeling words I have when I read this poem:
thirsty
funny
happy

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Open Ended Responses

When I read this poem...

- I notice...
- It makes me think about...
- It reminds me of...
- I'm wondering...
- I can really visualize...
- I like the part ...
- This part makes me feel...
- I think the poet means...
- I'm wondering if anyone else thought ...
- It reminds me of another poem...
- This part makes me feel/think/wonder...
- I like the sound of ...
- I like the way the poet ...

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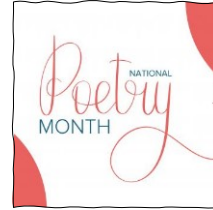
Poetry Request Jar

"Today's poem is a request from _____"



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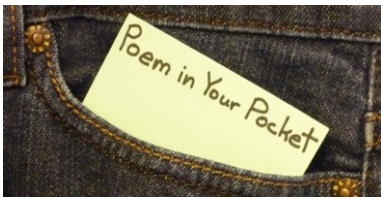
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<https://poets.org/national-poetry-month/30-ways-celebrate-national-poetry-month-classroom>

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Poem in Your Pocket Day!



hashtag #PocketPoem

<https://poets.org/national-poetry-month/poem-your-pocket-day>

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Learning Poetry...

Poetic Devices

- o Simile
- o Metaphor
- o Personification
- o Repetition
- o Rhyming Pattern
- o Alliteration
- o Onomatopoeia

Poetic Structures

- o Haiku
- o Cinquain
- o Acrostic
- o List Poem
- o Concrete
- o Found Poem
- o Free Verse
- o Limerick

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Poets use different writing techniques in their poems

- o **Similes** – comparing two things, using “like” or “as”
- o **Metaphor** – comparing things without connecting words
- o **Rhyming Patterns** – last word in the line rhymes with another line
- o **Repetition** – repeating words or phrases in a poem
- o **Alliteration** – repeating the same sound in a poem
- o **Onomatopoeia** – using words that sound like what they mean. (Pop! Beep! Swish!)
- o **Personification** – writing about an object as if it were a person

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Repetition

- o Most common and widely recognized poetic techniques
- o Easiest for students to replicate
- o Poets repeat words, phrases or entire stanzas to draw readers attention to an important word or phrase
- o To make the poem more interesting or memorable.

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Anchor Poems

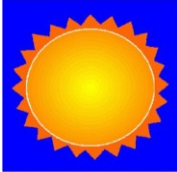
- "This Tooth" – Lee Bennet Hopkins
- "Whispers" – Myra Cohn Livingston
- "White Sheep, White Sheep" – Christina Rossetti
- "Hug-O-War" – Shel Silverstein
- Skippety Stones" – Amy Ludwig VanDerwater

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Repetition Example

The Sun

Someone tossed a pancake,
A buttery, buttery pancake.
Someone tossed a pancake
And flipped it up so high.



And now I see the pancake,
The buttery, buttery pancake.
Now I see that pancake
Stuck against the sky.

by Sandra Liatsos

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My Dog



My dog,
My dog
My Shaggy Maggie
dog.


My dog,
My dog,
My wiggly, waggie
Dog

My dog,
My dog,
My fluffy, wuffy
Dog!

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Bubble Gum – by Jessie (grade 5)

Bubble gum
Bubble gum,
Juicy, pink bubble gum!
Soft, pink bubble gum!
Chewy, gooey bubble gum.



Chew it up soft
Up and down teeth.
Blow that bubble gum!
Big pink bubble gum!
Bigger, bigger bubble gum
Bubble gum - POP!

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The Beach

I see
The ashun
I see
Seeshls
I see
The sand
I see
Seegls
I see Evffing

By Melissa

Sun

Sun, Sun
Plaes come out,
I want to Play with you.

Sun, Sun
Plaes come out,
My brutter wants to see you.

Sun, Sun
You make the flowers happy,
And mohe than gerow.

Sun, Sun
You make urth warm.

Sun, Sun
You are my frined.

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Poetic Device: Personification

- Write the word "Personification" on the board
- Ask: What small word do you see in this word?

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Personification:
A writing technique that gives an inanimate object human characteristics, changing it into a "person"

Human characteristics:

- Movement
- Feelings
- Voice

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Personification – Anchor books



Red Sings from Treetops
Eve Merrells

FALL

In FALL,
Green is tired,
dusty,
Crisp around the edges.
Green sighs with relief:
I've ruled for so long,
Time for Brown to take over.



FALL

The wind
is a
man
with
a
whistle
in
his
mouth
and
a
kick
in
his
shoe.

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Personification Months



Here Comes the Year
Ellen Struss - Katie Horvath

I am January
Dark, dappled and deep
Teasing you, easing you
Out of your cuddle-down sleep
Announcing it's morning
Having a bit of fun
Staying up way past my
bedtime
Replacing the sun.

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Personification Match Up

Inanimate Object (in nature)	Anything you can do with your feet, hands and mouth
• clouds	• kick
• twig	• stomp
• puddle	• tiptoe
• snowflake	• skip
• rain	• slap
• leaf	• tickle
• grass	• scratch
• wind	• punch
• a star	• chirp
	• kiss
	• whistle
	• whisper

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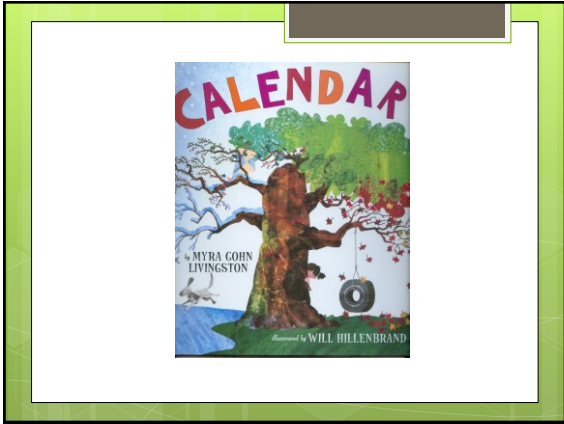
Choose your 3 best matches and expand them into a sentence.

Try adding a
- "how"
- "where" or "when"

Example: rain – tiptoes
The rain tiptoes cautiously across my rooftop.

Example: star - kiss
The star kissed me gently goodnight through my window.

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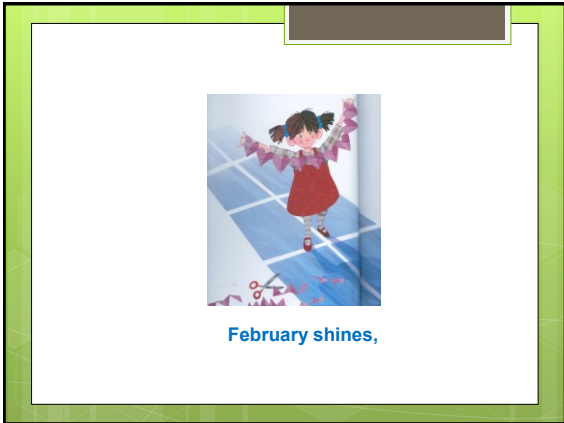


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January shivers,

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February shines,

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March blows off
the winter ice,

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April make the mornings nice,

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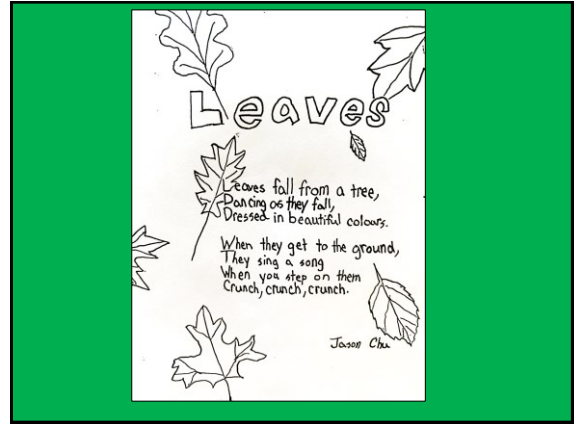


Personification
Seasons of the Year

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Learning Poetry...

<p>Poetic Devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Simile o Metaphor o Personification o Repetition o Rhyming Pattern o Alliteration o Onomatopoeia 	<p>Poetic Structures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Haiku o Cinquain o Acrostic o List Poem o Concrete o Found Poem o Free Verse o Limerick
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There are different kinds of poetry structures

- o **Haiku** – old kind of poem from Japan usually about nature 3 lines (5-7-5 syllables)
- o **Cinquain** - 5 lines (2-4-6-8-2 syllables)
- o **Acrostic** – using the first letter of each line to spell a word
- o **Concrete** – combination of poetry and art – poems take the shape of their subjects
- o **List Poem** – describing a topic by creating a list
- o **Found Poem** – using words from a previously written text
- o **Free verse** – doesn't rhyme or have a set number of syllables
- o **Limerick** – short, silly rhyming poems

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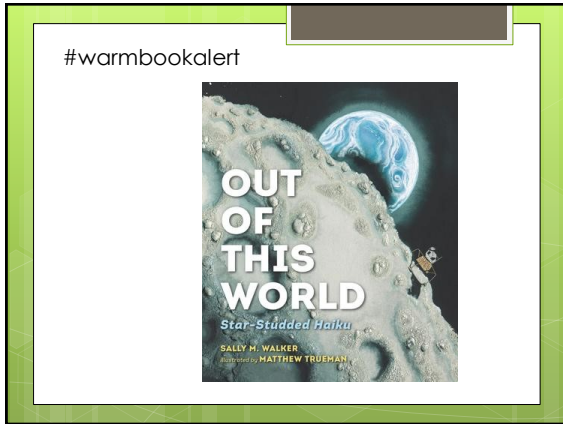
Haiku

- o old kind of poem from Japan usually about nature
- o Three lines with specific syllable count for each line
- o 5-7-5

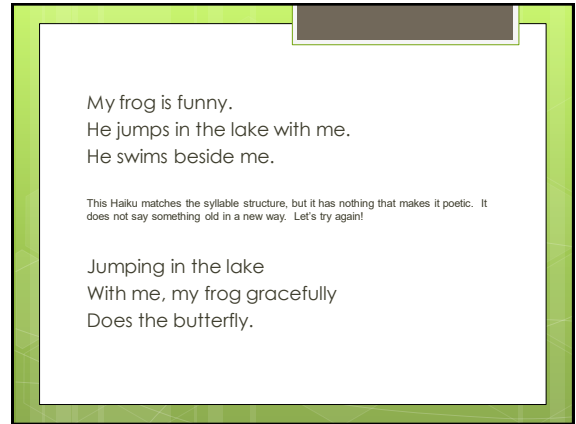
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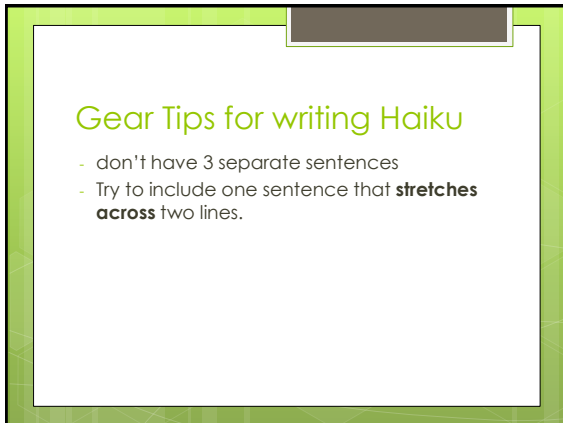
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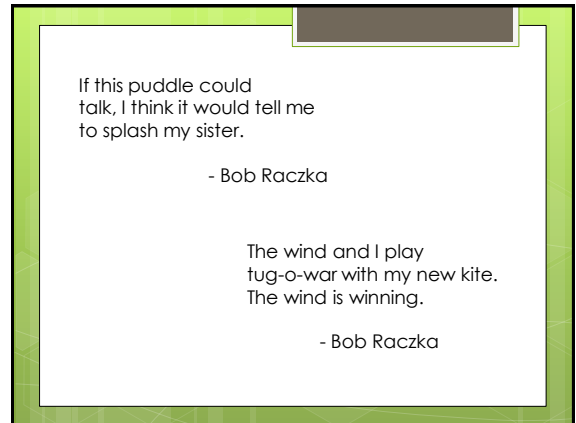
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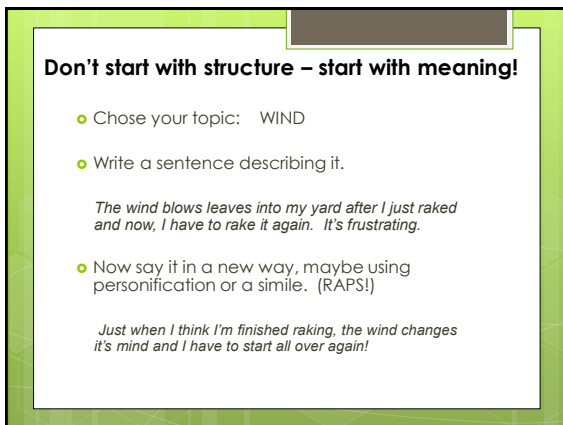
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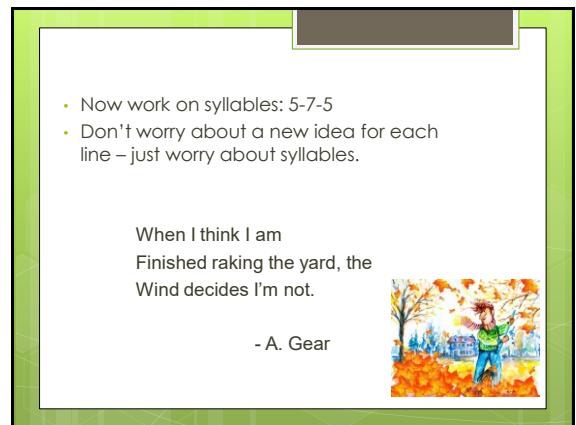
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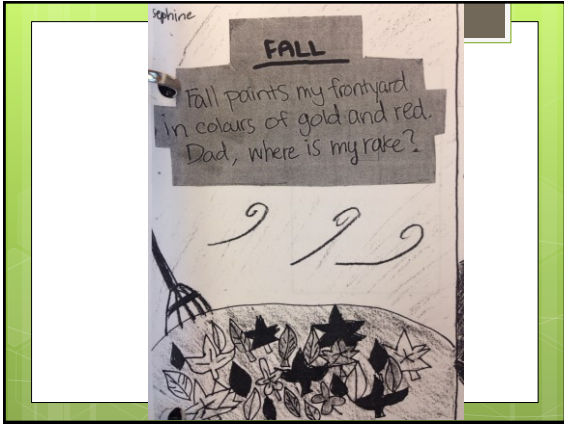
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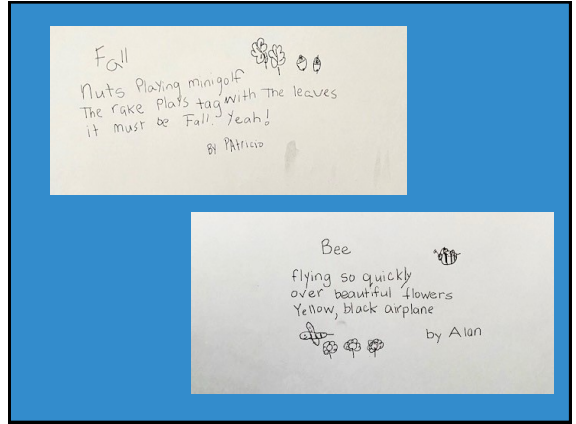
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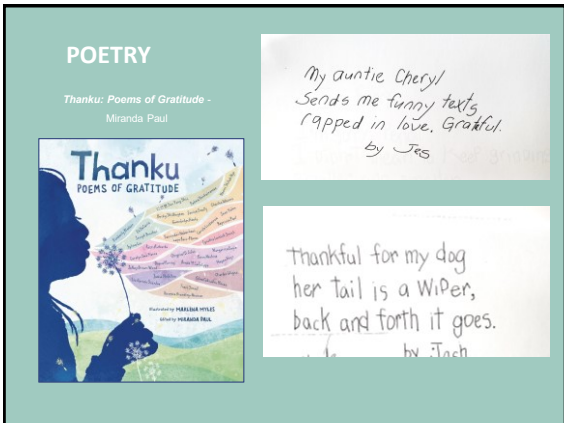
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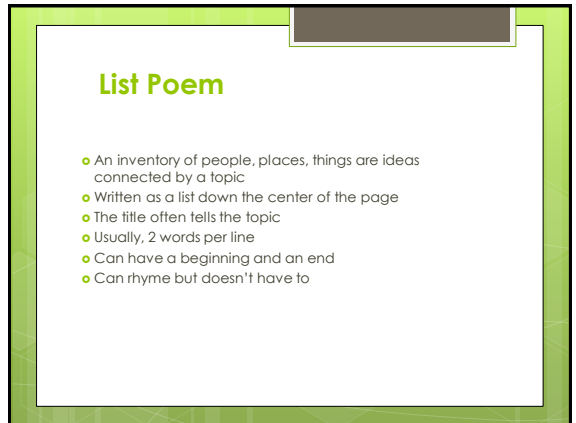
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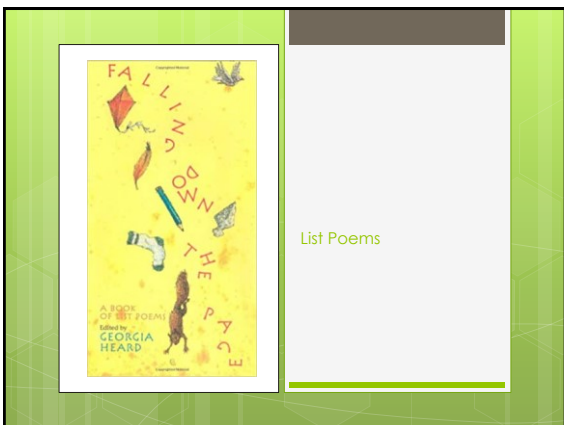
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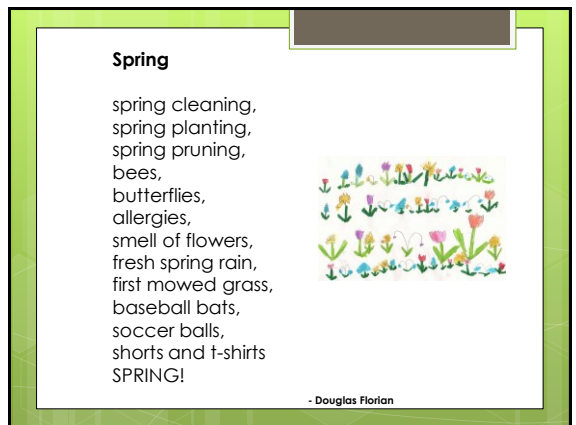
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List poems are EASY to write

STEP 1 – choose a topic
STEP 2 – brainstorm things (nouns) connected to that topic

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School

- Kids
- Teachers
- Desks
- iPads
- Recess
- Pencils
- Homework
- Library
- Recess
- Friends
- Playground
- Lunchroom
- Gym
- Basketball

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List poems are EASY to write

STEP 1 – choose a topic
STEP 2 – list words (nouns) connected to that topic
STEP 3 – add an action word (verb) to each word

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School

- Kids arriving
- Teachers welcoming
- Desks scraping
- iPads breaking
- Recess running
- Pencils scratching
- Homework loosing
- Library
- Recess
- Friends
- Playground
- Lunchroom
- Gym
- Basketball

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List poems are EASY to write

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STEP 3 – add an action word (verb) to each word
STEP 4 – read over your list and see if you could sequence the words (beginning, middle, end)

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School

- Kids arriving
- Teachers welcoming
- Desks scraping
- Homework searching
- Pencils scratching
- Library whispering
- iPads breaking
- Projects making
- Playground climbing
- Lunchroom munching
- Lineup crunching
- Principal announcing
- Basketballs bouncing
- Choir singing
- School bell ringing

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List poems are EASY to write

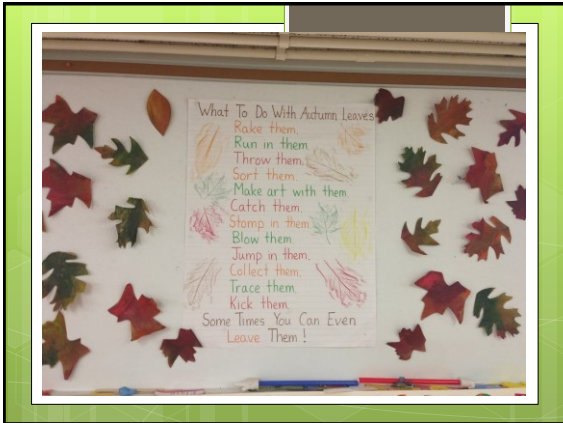
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 STEP 3 – add an action word (verb) to each word
 STEP 4 – read over your list and see if you could sequence the words (beginning, middle, end)
 STEP 5 – Add a beginning and ending

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School

Every day I go to school
 Kids arriving
 Teachers welcoming
 Desks scraping
 Homework searching
 Pencils scratching
 Library whispering
 iPads breaking
 Projects making
 Playground climbing
 Lunchroom munching
 Lineup crunching
 Principal announcing
 Basketballs bouncing
 Choir singing
 Schoolbell ringing
 I'll be back tomorrow!

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List poem – Jeremy Gr. 6

Hockey

It's hockey time!
 Heart racing
 Coaches pacing
 Puck dropping
 Goalie flopping
 Players gliding
 Puck gliding
 Sticks passing
 Sticks slashing
 Goal scoring
 Light flashing
 Players hugging
 Crowd cheering
 Dads beering
 Team winning
 Fans grinning
 It's playoff time!

List poem – Manjit – gr 3

Pet Store

Please can I go to the Pet Store?
 Kittens licking
 Puppies playing
 Goldfish swimming
 Parrots talking
 Hamsters spinning
 Snakes curling
 Kids begging
 But mom says no.

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"Poetry isn't a hiding place.
 It is a finding place."
 - Jeanette Winterson

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Powerful poems
Open eyes, hearts, and minds. No more
Excuses that time escaped you,
Teachers.
Read, write, rejoice, recite...
Your students are waiting!

A. Gear

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Thank you!



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