The Poetry Tree
Teaching Young Boys to Love Poetry
IBSC 16th Annual Conference

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St. Mark’s School of Texas
Discussing poetry ...

- Who can tell me in one sentence what this poem is all about?

- Is there something you particularly liked about this poem? Is there anything you disliked?

- Does this poem remind you of anything?

- Using your senses, what did you hear? see? taste?

- Does anything puzzle you about this poem?

- How does this poem make you feel?

- What did the poet do with words to hold your attention?

- Would you want to ask the poet anything about this poem?

- Would you like to read/listen to more poems by this poet? Why or why not?
Poetry Writing format …

- Mini-lesson
- Discussion
- Modeling
- Rough draft
- Editing
- Copy over poem and add decorations
- Cut out
- Punch hole in top
- Inset a piece of yarn, 11-12 inches long

September

I like the feel of fall...
(touch adjective, color adjective, noun)

Name: ________________
Poetry Writing format …

- Hang item on the Poetry Tree for all to enjoy!
I like the feel of fall

Soft brown squirrels ...

Roshan, 2nd Grade
October

Halloween- Cinquain

Ghost

Quiet, scary

Floating, gliding, hiding ...

Blake, 2nd Grade
November

I am thankful for

the beauty of nature,

love because everyone needs it ...

Andy, 2nd Grade
December

Winter is ...

Christmas

Snowy, cold

Alex, 2nd Grade
January

A snowman stands so very still

He spies a fox on the hill

Kyle, 2nd Grade
Love is helping poor people that don’t have money.

Caring for people who are sick.

Giving compliments to your classmates …

Harrison, 2nd Grade
If a leprechaun granted me three wishes

This is what they would be ...

a game,

a pup,

and a leprechaun ...

Simon, 2nd Grade
Spring sings with

Baby cubs going out of their den,

Cute bunnies hopping down the road,

Fluffy bluebirds singing a song, ...

Whit, 2nd Grade
Adult

Talkative, brave

Driving, working, helping

Grandpa, grownup, youngster, kid

Playing, learning, annoying

Child

Adnan, 2nd Grade
Poem of the Week

- Hook your boys by starting with humorous poems that rhyme
- Have fun with choral readings ~ the variations are limitless
- Use the poem to practice skills:
  - Find the nouns, verbs, and adjectives
  - Look for a synonym/antonym …
- Recite the poem from memory
More Poetry Ideas ...

- Poetry Corner
- Poetry Folders
- Poetry Bug
- Poetry Window
- Traveling Poetry Bag
- Poetry Templates
Poetry Corner
Poetry Folder

Build a poetry folder ...

- Save memorized poems from throughout the year
- Number each poem as it is put into the folder for easy reference
- Share favorite poems as an extra classroom activity
Teacher hides the “Poetry Bug” in a boy’s desk each morning.

The boy that catches the “Poetry Bug” selects poems from the Poetry Corner and shares his favorite poem with the class.
Poetry Window
Traveling Poetry Bag

School-Home Connection

- Includes: Letter to Parents, 2-3 poetry books, set of choice task cards, rhyming words matching game, and journal
Poetry Templates

My Five Senses

I see

I feel

I hear

I smell

I taste a sweet juicy peach.
Poetry Websites

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- If you’re looking for ideas, be sure to include some of these websites!