





## The Poetry Tree

Teaching Young Boys to Love Poetry IBSC 16th Annual Conference

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## +Discussing poetry ...

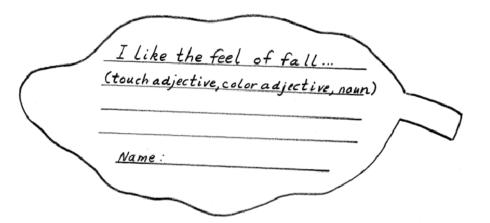
- ◆Who can tell me in one sentence what this poem is all about?
- ◆Is there something you particularly liked about this poem? Is there anything you disliked?
- ◆Does this poem remind you of anything?
- ◆Using your senses, what did you hear? see? taste?
- ◆Does anything puzzle you about this poem?
- ◆How 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?

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## 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

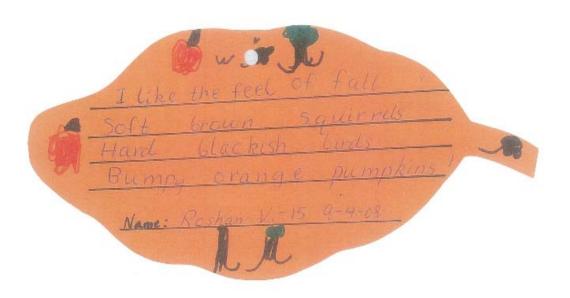
#### September

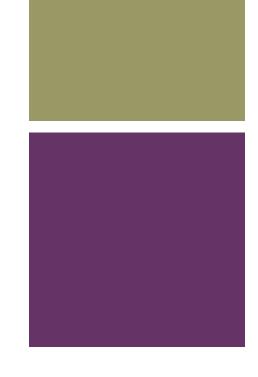


Poetry Writing format ...

■ Hang item on the Poetry Tree for all to enjoy!







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#### I like the feel of fall

Soft brown squirrels ...

Roshan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



#### + October

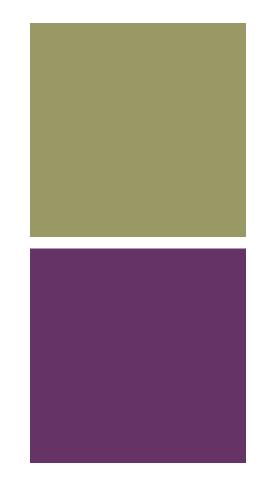
Halloween- Cinquain

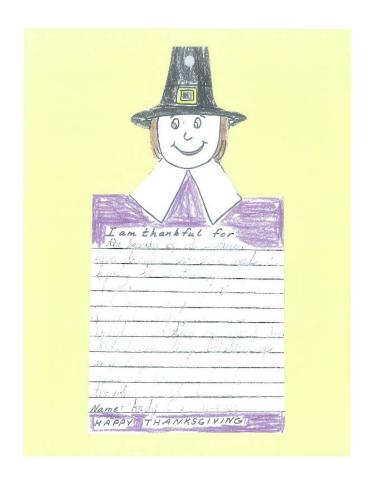
Ghost

Quiet, scary

Floating, gliding, hiding ...

Blake, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade





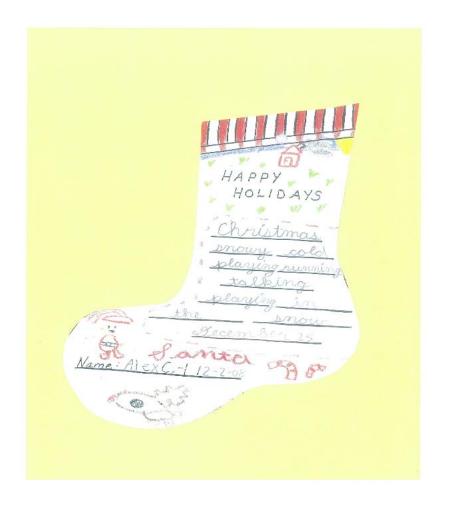
#### + November

#### I am thankful for

the beauty of nature,

love because everyone needs it  $\dots$ 

Andy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



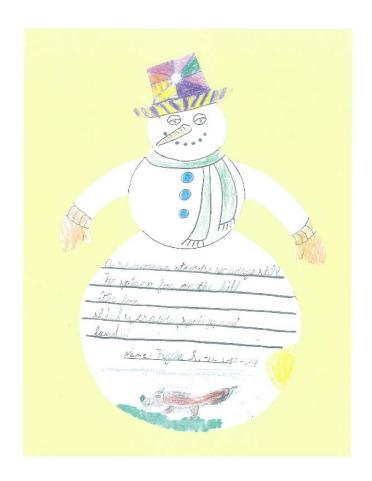
+ December

Winter is ...

Christmas

Snowy, cold

Alex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

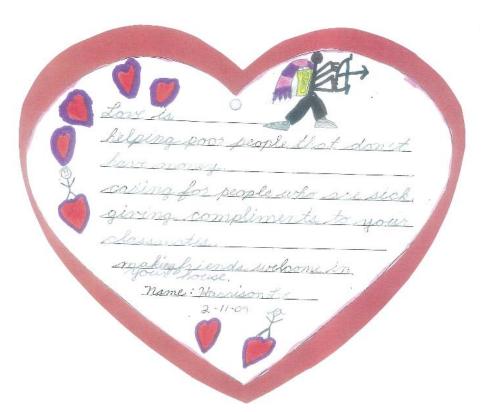




A snowman stands so very still

He spies a fox on the hill

Kyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



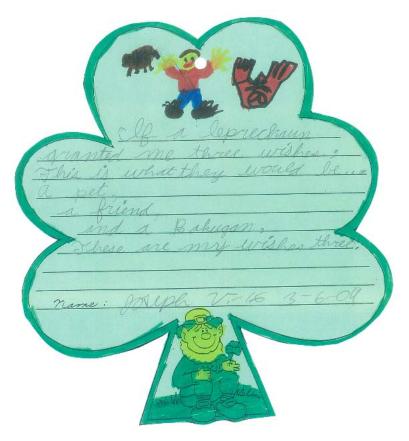


**Love is** helping poor people that don't have money.

Caring for people who are sick.

Giving compliments to your classmates  $\dots$ 

Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



#### If a leprechaun granted me three wishes

This is what they would be  $\dots$ 

a game,

a pup,

and a leprechaun ...

Simon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade





#### Spring sings with

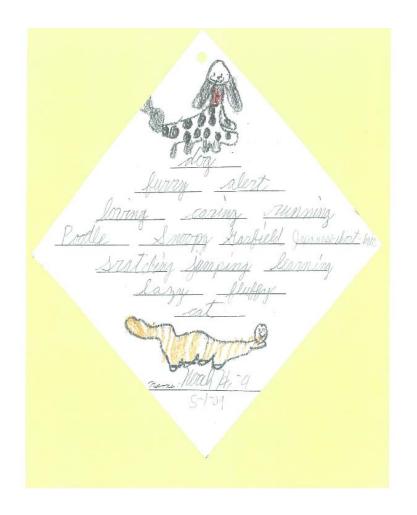
<sup>+</sup> April

Baby cubs going out of their den,

Cute bunnies hopping down the road,

Fluffy bluebirds singing a song, ...

Whit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



Adult

Talkative, brave

+ May
Kite-Diamante

Driving, working, helping

Grandpa, grownup, youngster, kid

Playing, learning, annoying

Child

Adnan, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 adjectivesLook for a synonym/antonym ...
- ◆ Recite the poem from memory

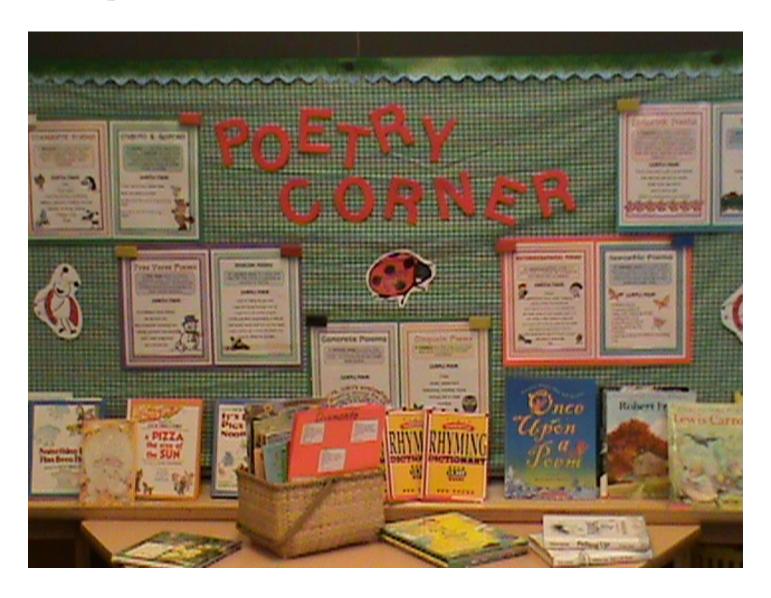


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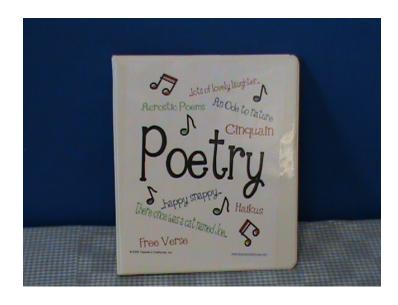
# + Poetry Corner

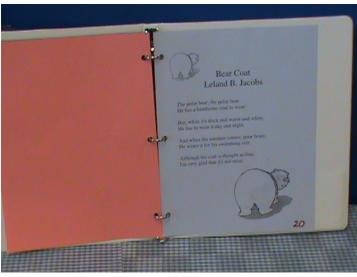


## **Poetry Folder**

Build a poetry folder ...

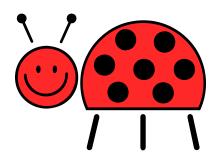
- Save memorized poems from throughout the year
- Number each poem as it is put into the folder for easy reference
- Share favorite poems as an extra classroom activity







# Poetry Bug



- ◆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.



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## **Poetry Websites**

Poet - Jack Prelutsky	Poet - *Shel Silverstein
Mrs. Caro's  *Poetry Templates	Teacher's Clubhouse *Poetry Posters
Reading A-Z Poetry Lesson ideas	Poetry Teachers.com Lesson ideas
Rhyme-Time Online Writing Tool	•Poetry Zone Lesson ideas and resources



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