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POETRY BOOK GUIDELINES

I have...

- Carefully read the description of each poem.
- Asked any questions I had.
- Decided how many of each poem I will write.
- Written at least one of each poem.
- Spelled all the words correctly.
- Made my book look nice and neat.
- Given my poetry book to three people for critiques.
- Chosen two poems to perform.

POETRY UNIT REQUIREMENTS

1. You will be reading and writing many different types of poetry during this unit. Your overall grade will depend on the number of poems you write, their quality, and the illustrations included with them. The grading rubric included in this packet will give you more information on points and scoring. **You must write at least one of each poem!** You can include no more than two poems you like by other authors for points.
2. Final copies of poems should be either typed on a computer and printed or handwritten in your **very best handwriting**. Pencil is preferred since your spelling is expected to be perfect on your final copies.
3. Include only one poem per sheet of paper. Each page should include a poem, a poem title, and an illustration. Also, write the type of each poem on either the top or the bottom of the page.
4. Each poem must include a colored illustration. Illustrations may be hand drawn and colored or printed from a computer.
5. Include a table of contents with your poetry book. Each of your poems should have page numbers to accommodate your table of contents.
6. You must include a cover page for your poetry book. You may hand draw it or create it using a computer. Include the title of your poetry book, your name, your grade, and the year.
7. Before you turn your poetry book in, you will give it to three different people to critique. Only one of these people can be a student. Each person will read through your poetry book, write their critique, and sign in the critique box. You will also complete a self-reflection on the same page. In your self-reflection, answer questions such as – Did you have fun doing this project? Which poem was your favorite? How do you feel about poetry?
8. Most importantly, have fun and be creative!

ACROSTIC POEM

An acrostic poem is generally short and easily identified. To write an acrostic poem, choose one main word to write vertically down the page. Then, using each letter in the main word, write a word or phrase that describes your main word. You may choose any subject or word, even your own name!

Samples:

R elaxing
E ntrancing
A ddictive
D iscoveries
I nteresting
N eat
G enres

B ouncing on the court
A lways running hard
S queaking soles of shoes
K eeping me in shape
E nergy in the stands
T ime-out
B uzzar beater
A mazing shot
L ong legs sprinting
L ove the victory

If you'd like more of a challenge, an acrostic poem can be written as an ongoing story.

Sample:

B eautiful outstretched arms
A rch over her graceful head. She
L eans slightly to the
L eft, a soft smile crossing her face.
E ffortlessly, she
R ises onto her toes and
I ntrigues the audience with her breathtaking beauty.
N ow, the curtain falls to the
A pplause of the awestruck crowd.

