



Name of activity:

Poetry Writing

This activity would work best for (check off all that apply):

- Students in grades JK - 1
- Students in grades 2 – 4**
- Students in grades 5 – 8**
- Students in grades 9 – 12

What you need for this activity (list of materials):

You will need a camera, or a variety of pictures from magazines, newspapers, or other print materials.

What you need to do, step by step (clear, step-by-step instructions which will be easily understood by parents / guardians / caregivers):

Find a natural area, a park, or do a walk around the block and have the child take photos of interesting things they see. You can choose a theme, like nature and capture images that support that theme. When you return, you have the child select 2 or 3 of their favourite photos and have them write about them. There are a wide variety of poem forms that can be used like Acrostic, Haiku, Shape Poems. Have the child begin by talking about the photo, describe what they see, and why they chose it. Finally, have them look over the brainstorming they did and then select the words to fit the poem.

How you could easily adapt / change this activity:

- 1. Allow the child to do all the thinking, and dictate, and have the adult do the drafting and publishing of the work.**
- 2. Share the poem by sending it to family members or friends.**
- 3. Collect a variety of the child's poems and have them do a poetry recital or create a portfolio.**