



Each month a set of lessons, activities, and read alouds are organized in a monthly pacing guide. Because library collections and schedules vary from school to school, it is up to the library staff to select read alouds and make adjustments to the pacing of these lessons and activities so that they flow best during the sessions in which students are seen.

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Observances and Celebrations

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- [D.E.A.R. Day](#) - Happy Birthday Beverly Cleary
- [National Library Week](#)
- [Earth Day](#) - April 22, 2025

April Outcomes

After spring break, please REVISIT LIBRARY EXPECTATIONS with students to ensure that they understand the rules and expected behaviors in the library. During the month of April, students will:

- Be exposed to poetry from various authors
- Write and illustrate their own poems [Poem in your Pocket](#)
- Vote for Patricia Gallager Picture Books
- Celebrate Earth Day

Notes: April is **National Poetry Month**. The lesson plans for the four weeks this month are for a school-wide [Poem in Your Pocket](#) event.

Talk to your principal; this could be a fun way to engage the whole school in a poetry activity.

If your school doesn't participate [Poem in Your Pocket](#), then the [Poet Tree Poetry Unit](#) is a great way to celebrate as well.

Every Student, Every Day

All students between 2nd and 5th grade should be able to:

- **Locate books and information** using age-appropriate tools (e.g., *World Book*, *Gale*, *National Geographic Kids*) and strategies;
- **Use Destiny Discover** to 1) search for "good fit" books 2) rate and review books 3) build a favorite list 4) access digital resources (ebooks and audiobooks)

→ Review or teach the above skills as needed

ODE/OASL Library Standards

READING ENGAGEMENT: Read to pursue lifelong intellectual, personal, and emotional growth

- Standard: Develop an appreciation for reading
- Standard: Comprehend, interpret and evaluate informational and fictional text
- Standard: Build reading skills and behaviors for lifelong learning

Week 1	Kinder	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Lessons & Activities Day 1	Review Rules and Expectations Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket Activity Day 1: Poetry discussion and poetry read aloud Check-out	Review Rules and Expectations Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Activity Day 1: Poetry discussion and poetry read aloud Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Review Rules and Expectations Introduce Poetry Video (1:06 Minutes) Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Review Rules and Expectations Introduce Poetry Video (1:06 Minutes) Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Review Rules and Expectations Introduce Poetry Video (6:12 minutes) Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Review Rules and Expectations Introduce Poetry Video (6:12 minutes) Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out
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Week 2	Kinder	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth

Lessons & Activities Day 1	Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket Activity Day 2: Give students a choice from previously selected poems you have shared with the class. Check-out	Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket Activity Day 2: Give students a choice from previously selected poems you have shared with the class. Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out
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Lessons & Activities Day 1	Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket Activity Day 3: Students draw a picture to go with their poem Check-out	Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket Activity Day 3: Students draw a picture to go with their poem Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out
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Week 4	Kinder	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Lessons & Activities Day 1	Click here to vote (ballot link is below the list of books) for Patricia Gallagher Children's Choice Picture Books Award winner. Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket Activity Day 4: Students finish their picture, practice saying their poem and put in their pocket. Check-out	Click here to vote (ballot link is below the list of books) for Patricia Gallagher Children's Choice Picture Books Award winner. Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket Activity Day 4: Students write out their final poem, decorate for their pockets and practice delivery. Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out	Read Aloud - Poetry Books Lesson Plan Poem in Your Pocket and/or Poet-Tree Check-out
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Finale: School-wide poetry slam at lunch on Poem in Your Pocket day. Here's a [fun video](#) to get kids ready for a poetry slam!
Please contact Karen Babcock if you are planning on doing this culmination celebration - I'd love to involve the SPS communications department.

Other Resources:

[Special Small Group Lesson Plans](#) for Self-Contained Library Classes

