

April: National Poetry Month For Middle School

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Day 4 4 8 th Grade "Buddy Up" with 4 th Grade "Finding Poetic Language Everywhere" Each class will have a designated area to "Walk About" and look for a place you could write poetry about. Ex. The water fountain, the gym, the library, etc.	Day 2 5 Research poems about the area you selected to write a poem about. Read through poems about that place. Select a poem you like that represents how that place makes you feel. Print it or retype it and state who it was found by (students) and who it was written by (author).	Day 3 6 Publish the "Walk About" poem and place it in the area you found your poetic idea.	Day 4 7 Have another "Walk About" to read all the poems that are placed all over the school.	Day 5 8 "Tone Tunes" Listen to a piece of music and let the tone inspire a new piece of writing. Visit bespokeclassroom.com for a Tone Tunes template freebie.
Day 6 11 "Blackout Poetry" Create a poem by covering or erasing words on a page. The words that remain form a new poetic creation.	Day 7 12 "Earth Day Poems" Create a poem about the Earth and how it matters to you. NYS Senator Biaggi "Earth Day Contest" entries must be in tomorrow. Resources Needed	Day 8 13 "Ode Poems" An ode is a poem that usually praises something. Pick a person, place or thing. Give your subject praise or thanks (Oh, ___) Speak directly to the object. Use adjectives to describe it. Use verbs to bring the object to life. Use repeated lines. Resources Needed	Day 9 14 "Concrete Poems" These are poems that you write in any pattern or shape. It is a poem that looks like the topic of the poem. Draw an outline of the shape of what you want to write about. Then write the words around the perimeter of your shape. Resources Needed	Day 15 Spring Break
Day 18 Spring Break	Day 19 -----□	Day 20 -----□	Day 21 -----□	Day 22 -----□ Earth Day
Day 10 25 "Protest Poetry" Write a poem to protest against injustice. Select an issue that needs to be addressed and describe the issue	Day 11 26 "Opposites Poem" Write a poem full of opposites like Katy Perry's "Hot, Cold" and "Hello, Goodbye by the Beatles. Use opposites to reveal a life truth!	Day 12 27 "Lift a Line Poem" Select a line from another text such as a song, novel, article, etc. and start a new poem with this line. Let the line inspire a new poem.	Day 13 28 "Poem in Your Pocket" Buddy up with partner grades to share your favorite poems.	Day 14 29 Poetry Slam Grades 7th & 8th Select one of the poems you've written this month and share it!

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