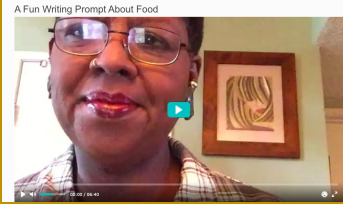


Get a front seat lesson from award-winning author, Nikki Grimes.



Be a Maker



Shape Drawing



APRIL IS
NATIONAL
POETRY MONTH

Create Poetry

Host a
Family
Poetry Jam

Learn from a Poet or Two!



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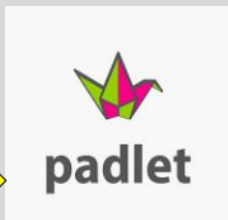
Follow Nikki's advice.
Here are her steps:

1. Make lists of food you love.
2. Make a lists of food you hate.
3. Make lists of foods you eat for holidays.
4. Think about foods you eat at different times of the year.
5. Take your lists and pick out one food that brings to mind a particular memory.
6. Write a poem about that food item!

SHARE OPTIONS:

- Post a picture of your poem.
- Record your voice reading your poem.
- Record a video of you reading your poem.

Click there

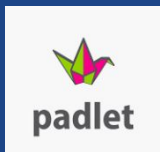


HAVE FUN WRITING POETRY





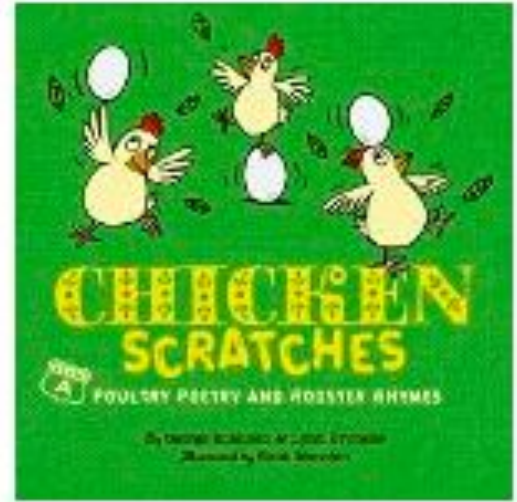
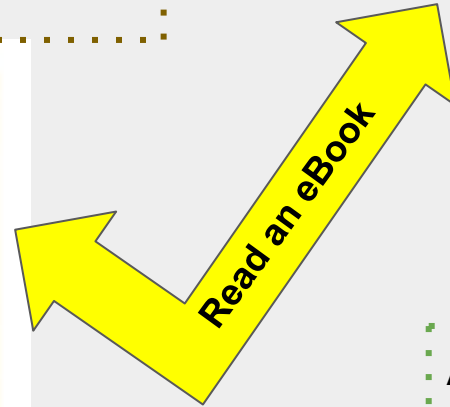
MAKE YOUR OWN POETRY JOURNAL



Share a photo or a video of you and your homemade journal on the Padlet wall.



Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. Haiku is also a little cat who can't seem to stay out of trouble. "A Cat Named Haiku" tells the story of the day in the life of a mischievous little cat, as he learns a valuable lesson on love told completely in haiku.



As adorably absurd as chickens themselves, this book of charming illustrations and laugh-out-loud funny poultry poems will appeal to anyone with a fowl sense of humor!



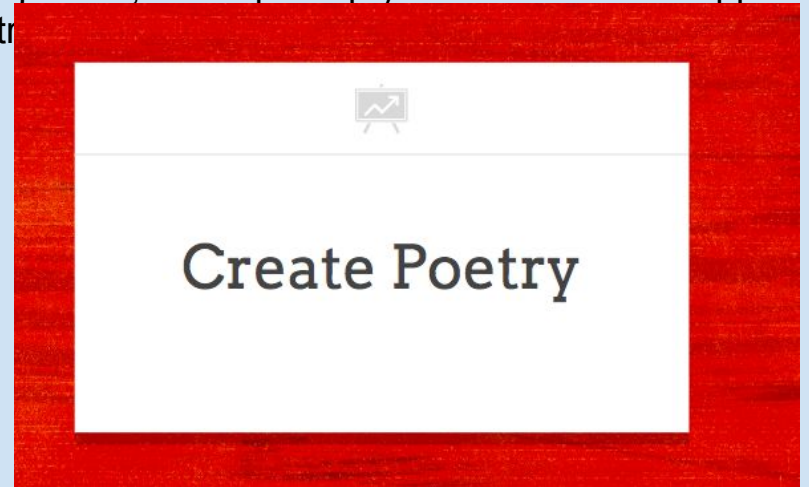


YOU'RE A POET AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT #1

If you didn't want to create a paper journal, then open up your Book Creator App and just for your poetry.

Confused? Open up the "Create Poetry" slideshow and learn how to write various types of poems and hear Mrs. M read her poetry samples.

#2



#3



Share a photo or a video of you reading one of your poems on the Padlet wall.





Summer will be here before we know it. Try this fun activity in which Google Slides becomes a poetry magnetic board!

[Give it a try!](#)



Share a photo of one or your magnetic poems on the Padlet wall.



Click the image above to make a copy of a magnetic poetry board in Google Slides.





How to plan a family poetry jam

1. Start with playful, rhyming poetry about topics that are familiar to your child like animals, food, and bedtime. Nursery rhymes and Mother Goose collections are early favorites.
2. Read the poetry aloud slowly. Emphasize the sound of the words and the rhymes. Read dramatically to emphasize the breaks and phrasing of the poem. Have fun with the colorful language and word play.
3. Reread the poem several times. Many popular poets for kids (for example Shel Silverstein and Jack Prelutsky) have several of their poems online. These can be printed and used for rereading. Favorite ones can be arranged into a family poetry notebook.
4. Once a poem is familiar to your child, take turns reading! First you read one line or one stanza, and have your child read the next. See if you can do that while maintaining the rhythm of the poem.
5. Plan your own family poetry jam. Have each member of the family choose and practice a favorite poem to share with the family. Set aside a special time to celebrate poetry by having each person share their poem.
6. Zoom or FaceTime with relatives or family friends and perform your poetry jam for that audience!



Share a photo or a video of your family Poetry Jam!



Resources



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Poetry Minute



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Listen to Interviews with Children's Poets

Pick and choose an author to learn from and consider recording notes in your Poetry Journal. Revise a poem with the tips you learn or write a new poem. Share on our Padlet Wall.



Alan Katz



Favorite food: Cantaloupe
Favorite team: New York Mets
Favorite activity: Watching the New York Mets while eating cantaloupe

Jack Prelutsky



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Janet Wong



Make a Shape Poem



Share a photo of your shape poem on the Padlet wall.

1. Choose an object to be the subject for your poem. Good suggestions for beginners could be favorite animals, favorite foods, or sports items. Or start with your hand!
2. Draw a simple outline of its shape on paper or on the computer. If you're using paper, draw with a pencil not a pen. Try first tracing your hand and write a poem about hands!
3. Write your poem making your words fill in the outline.



