**Poetry Booklet Requirements**

* Poetry booklet should have a cover page with your name. Also, create a title for your book of poetry. (Each poem written should also have a title.)
* Poetry booklet must include a table of contents. This should include the title of the poem, as well as the type of poem on that page (diamante, acrostic…)
* Include illustrations and color throughout the booklet.
* Place only one poem on each page. Be sure to include the title of the poem.
* Effort should be made to make sure poems are written neatly and illustrations are neat as well. Poems may be typed or hand-written neatly. Clip art may be used. Hand drawn illustrations are also encouraged.

You should select **FOUR** of the following types of poems for your booklet:

* Haiku
* Diamante
* Acrostic
* Cinquain
* Concrete or shape poem
* Color poem
* “I can’t write a poem” poem

\*Samples and formats for the above listed poems are included in this packet.\*

**Haiku**

* Unrhymed poetry
* Usually about nature
* Short – about a single idea
* Topics include: flowers, trees, animals, seasons, and weather

3 lines:

1. 5 syllables

2. 7 syllables

3. 5 syllables

Sample:

Warm April sunrise

Tender green shoots pierce the soil,

Aiming for the sun

**Diamante Poem**

A diamante is a 7-line poem that is shaped like diamond.

Format:

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| Line 1: | one word (subject/noun that is contrasting to line 7) |
| Line 2: | two words (adjectives) that describe line 1 |
| Line 3: | three words (action verbs) that relate to line 1 |
| Line 4: | four words (nouns) first 2 words relate to line 1 last 2 words relate to line 7 |
| Line 5: | three words (action verbs) that relate to line 7 |
| Line 6: | two words (adjectives) that describe line 7 |
| Line 7: | one word ( subject/noun that is contrasting to line 1) |

Sample:

Cat

Finicky, anti-social

Meows, purrs, naps

Pets, animals, companions, friend

Bark, fetch, run

Loyal, playful

Dog

**Acrostic Poem**

An acrostic poem is a poem or series of lines, where the letters spell another word.

“Halloween”

**H**alloween is dark and gloomy,  
**A**nd a scary trick or treat,  
**L**ots of children scaring adults,  
**L**ovely costumes to wear,  
**O**n the table a scary pumpkin,  
**W**hite ghosts all round,  
**E**ek a witch by a cauldron,  
**E**nough of all the costumes, they are scary,  
**N**ight time is scary on Halloween.

**Cinquain**

(From the French word for “five”)

Can be about anything.

1. topic (2 syllables)
2. Description of topic (4 syllables)
3. Actions that fit that topic (6 syllables)
4. Feelings about the topic (8 syllables)
5. Another word for your topic (2 syllables)

Chorus

Many voices

Creating Harmony

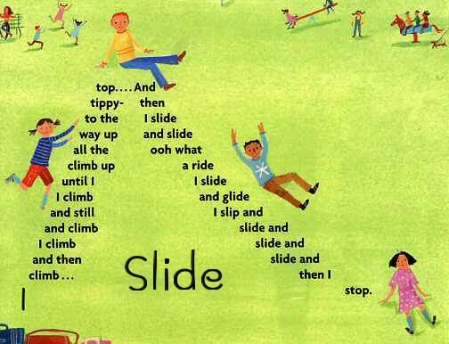
Joyous, hopeful, graceful, dreamy

Music

**Concrete (or shape) Poems**

Concrete (or shape) poetry is in a form where the poetry takes on the shape of its subject.

Sample:



**Color Poem**

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| **Line 1** Name a color |
| **Lines 2-4** Name 3 things that are that color |
| **Lines 5-7** Name 3 things that sound like that color |
| **Lines 8-10** Name 3 things that taste like that color |
| **Lines 11-13** Name 3 things that feel like that color |
| **Line 14** What can that color do? |

Sample:

Purple  
A bruise on your leg,  
Bunches of grapes in a bowl,  
A sweater that goes great with black,  
The sound of power,  
Fruit juice poured into a glass  
A school bell ringing, ringing  
Grandma's rhubarb pie.  
Cold medicine served up on a tablespoon  
Squishy cough drops,  
Velvet covered cushions  
Pointy tip pentel markers,  
The sky before lightning starts  
Purple can take you for a sweet ride.

**"I Can't Write a Poem" Poem**

Line 1: Forget it   
Line 2: You must be kidding  
Line 3: Excuse #1

Line 4: Excuse #2

Line 5: Excuse #3

Line 6: Excuse #4

Line 7: Excuse #5

Line 8: Excuse # 6

Line 9: Excuse #7

Line 10: Excuse #8

Line 11: Time's up? Uh oh!  
Line 12: All I have is a dumb list of excuses.  
Line 13: You like it? Really? No kidding.  
Line 14: Thanks a lot. Would you like to see another one?

Sample:

“I Can't Write a Poem”

Forget it.  
You must be kidding.  
I'm still half asleep.   
My eyes keep closing.  
My brain isn't working.  
I don't have a pencil.  
I don't have any paper.  
My desk is wobbly.  
I don't know what to write about.  
And besides, I don't even know how to write a poem.  
I've got a headache. I need to see the nurse.  
Time's up? Uh oh!  
All I have is a dumb list of excuses.  
You like it? Really? No kidding.  
Thanks a lot. Would you like to see another one?