

# April is National Poetry Month...Let's Celebrate!

## Grades PreK-5

Hello LPS Families!

Enjoy the optional literacy activities below to celebrate *National Poetry Month!*

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<p>Use the links below to access numerous poems ~</p> <p><a href="#">Poets.org</a> <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><a href="#">Children's Poetry Archive</a></span>  <a href="#">Poetry Foundation</a> <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><a href="#">Family Friend Poems</a></span></p>	
<p><b>Act Out Poetry:</b> Choose a poem, then take on the characteristics of the people, animals, or objects in your poems and perform. Have family members guess the characteristics. Whoever wins becomes the next performer!</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               bird flying         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               tree blowing         </div> </div>
<p><b>Paper Bag Poetry:</b> Fill a paper bag with several items of different shapes, sizes, textures, etc. Have your child reach into the bag without looking and describe what they feel in their own words. These words make their own poem.</p>	
<p><b>A Poet's Voice:</b> Poetry is about the reader's or listener's voice. Experiment by reading poems in a variety of ways...read a poem in a silly voice, a sad voice, and a scared voice.</p>	
<p><b>Acrostic Poetry:</b> Create an acrostic poem using your family name. Use the first letter to create a word or phrase. Example:</p> <p><b>F</b>abulous together  <b>A</b>dventurous  <b>M</b>agnificent bakers  <b>I</b>nterested in learning  <b>L</b>oving  <b>Y</b>earning for warm weather</p>	
<p><b>Craft a Cinquain:</b> Cinquains are five-line poems with a specific structure. Using the structure, your child can write a poem about any topic they would like. This activity also enhances vocabulary development.</p>	<p><a href="#">Cinquain Organizer (click here)</a></p>