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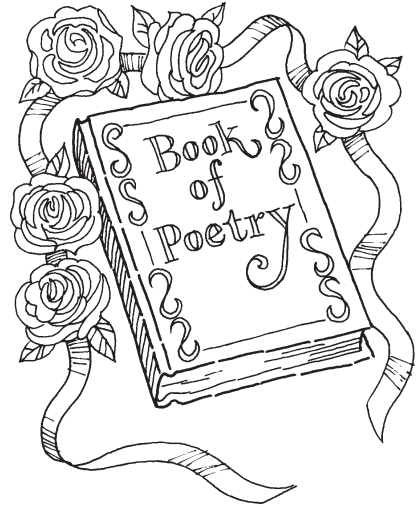
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Poems, Poems, and More Poems

Objectives:

- Understanding different types of poetry such as haiku, tanka, cinquain, and limerick
- Counting syllables in words correctly
- Impromptu composition
- Aligning and underlining title
- Accessing clip art from a CD-ROM
- Spell checking document



Program Needed:

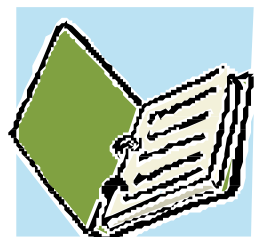
Use a word processing program such as *Microsoft Word* or *ClarisWorks*. Have clip art accessible from a CD-ROM.

Instructions:

1. Discuss with students different formats for poetry, such as haiku, tanka, cinquain, and limerick. Explain to the students about counting the syllables. Show them each example of each type of format on the next few pages. (The students can pick one poem to do or make a poetry booklet containing many forms of poetry.)
2. Students will choose their poems and begin typing titles. Demonstrate how to centre and underline the title.
3. Students will begin typing the bodies of their poems spontaneously, keeping in mind the syllable and line structure.
4. Put students in pairs to check one another's poems for content and form.
5. Students can then find appropriate pictures to illustrate their poems from a CD-ROM or the Internet.
6. Each student's work should be spell-checked and printed.

Extension Ideas:

Poetry books make nice gifts for a parent or grandparent. Consider having each student choose a theme for his or her poetry book. Students may want to post some of their best poetry on the Internet or on the school Web site. Consider pairing your students with younger students to teach the basics of how to write a poem.



Haiku Poem



Bustling Bees

The bees are busy
Finding petals to land on
So they can get food.



Haiku Format

Haiku is a form of unrhymed poetry that had its beginning in Japan. Haiku poetry usually describes something about nature or the seasons. Each poem is three lines and the number of syllables in each line follows this pattern:

- Line 1: five syllables
- Line 2: seven syllables
- Line 3: five syllables

Tanka Poem



Icicles on the Trees

**The pine trees are tall
Covered with snowflakes and ice
Swaying in the wind
Soon it will all sadly melt
But it was a sight to see.**

Tanka Format

According to Asian tradition, if someone writes you a haiku, you are to write a tanka poem in return to them. It is a way of saying thank you. The tanka poem does not have to be on the same subject. A tanka is five lines long and the number of syllables in each line follows this pattern:

**Line 1: five syllables
Line 2: seven syllables
Line 3: five syllables
Line 4: seven syllables
Line 5: seven syllables**

