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### Kindergarten Reading and Writing Poetry

In this unit, students will be immersed in the joy and play of poetry in both reading and writing. Readers and writers will experience poetry in the form of nursery rhymes, songs, and chants. We will study the work of poets and give students the opportunity to play with language in their own writing.

#### The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Understanding why an author uses bold words, italics
- Thinking about how certain words can create a feeling or emotion in a poem
- Understanding that some poems teach the reader about something
- Noticing the topic of a poem, including looking at everyday objects with a fresh eye
- Comparing poems about the same topic
- Using senses to make mental pictures while reading
- Using specific word choices when writing poems

#### Some books your child may enjoy in class are:

- Kids Poems
- Nursery Rhymes
- Songs & Chants
- Big books of Poetry for K

Support your child by including poetry in the variety of texts that you enjoy at home together. Help your child identify the differences between poetry and other types of books. You can help your child identify categories of poetry they read/listen to. For example, “That was a silly poem,” or “That was a nature poem.” Reading poems and hearing them read aloud will support fluent reading as children grow as readers.