



Grade 2 Reading and Writing Unit 6 - Poetry

In this unit, your child will develop a deep understanding of anthologies as a collection of poems on a similar topic or theme. The students will focus on the reading skills and strategies to understand poems on a deeper level. They will carry their learning into writing their own poetry.

The skills your child will develop in this unit:

- Improving reading fluency (reading smoothly)
- Identifying the mood or tone of a poem
- Understanding author's craft- word choice, structure, and repetition
- Visualizing
- Analyzing how poets structure their poems
- Interpreting poems using text evidence
- Identifying descriptive language
- Reflecting on poetry

Questions to ask as your child is reading at home:

- What do you notice about the words the author chose?
- Why do poets use repetitions?
- What is the structure of the poem?
- Point to a part in your poem where you read with expression. Why would you need to read with expression?
- What is your favorite poem? Why?

Books we may enjoy together during this unit:

- Forest Has a Song
- Kids' Poems
- Old Elm Speaks: Tree Poems
- The Day the Crayons Quit

In addition to reading fiction and nonfiction texts at home, enjoy reading poetry at home as well. Talk about what makes the poetry fun, moving or interesting. Remember that volume of reading matters to student reading growth – the more time spent reading, the more reading achievement and engagement grows.