

Exploring and Writing Poetry

Activities and ideas for all ages and grades

Pocket Poems: Illustrate your poem in a secret format

Mail Poems - Find a poem, write it, illustrate it, and send it to someone special in the mail. At the end of the class, read your poems to each other.

Haiku Challenges - Write and share lots of haikus together

Poem Meditation - Find a quiet sitting spot and write poetry outside. Share it with the group when you come back together.

Poems on the Sidewalk - Go outside and write a poem on the sidewalk in chalk (materials - sidewalk chalk)

Poetry in Pajamas - Settle in with a cozy cup of hot chocolate or tea, and listen to poems read out loud by a teacher.

Photojournalism Poetry: Taking photos and writing captions for these photos