Reading Poetry

Poetry is a celebration of the magic, power, and beauty of words. The more poems students read and the more varieties of poems they are exposed to, the more likely they are to come to understand and appreciate the value that poetry can add to their own lives.

Enduring Understandings

- Language can be used to express thoughts and feelings.
- Poetry expresses ideas and feelings in compact, imaginative, and musical language.
- Some poems are serious, while others are funny.
- In poetry, words can have layers and shades of meaning.
- Poetry is meant to be read aloud.
- Understanding how a poem works helps us appreciate its message.

Vocabulary List

*Alliteration
*Imagery
*Meter
*Onomatopoeia
*Rhyme
*Simile

*Figurative Language
*Metaphor
*Narrative Poetry
*Repetition
*Rhyme Scheme
*Stanza

Essential Questions

- What makes a piece of writing a poem?
- How is poetry different from fiction and non-fiction?
- Why do people write poetry?
- Why do people read poetry?
- How are feelings expressed in poems?
- Why is reading poetry aloud so important?
- How does a reader figure out the meaning of a poem?
- How does a poet paint a picture with words?
- How does a poet appeal to all the senses?
- How does the shape or form of a poem affect the meaning?
- What makes a poem great?
- What is the relationship between the poem and the poet?