



GOOD TIDINGS

Where Reading Feels Like Fun

Poetry in the Classroom

A teacher's activity sheet for bringing more poetry into your school day — **no poetry degree required.**

Grades K–5

5–15 Minutes

Low Prep

★ Why Poetry Belongs in Your Day

Poetry builds reading confidence fast — even reluctant readers can finish a whole poem in under a minute. It's a natural fluency and vocabulary builder, a gentle way to talk about big feelings, and one of the most welcoming entry points into writing for kids who freeze up at "write a story." Best of all, it doesn't need a full unit to make an impact. A few minutes a day is plenty.

✎ 5 Easy Ways to Start

- ☐ Start each morning with a 2-minute "Poem of the Day"
- ☐ Read a poem twice — once to enjoy, once to perform (silly voice, whisper, echo-read)
- ☐ Have students illustrate a poem before analyzing it
- ☐ Use a poem's pattern as a 5-minute writing warm-up
- ☐ Keep a classroom "poetry basket" for free reading time

💬 Discussion Starters

"What picture did this poem paint in your mind?"

"Which word or line made you smile, and why?"

"If this poem had a sound effect, what would it be?"

"Who would you want to read this poem to?"

💡 A Quick Reframe

Not every poem needs a lesson on metaphor attached to it. Sometimes the goal is simply to let kids enjoy language that's fun to say out loud. The analysis can come later — the love of it should come first.

📚 Build a Poetry Basket

Keep a small bin of poetry books where kids can grab one during independent reading. It normalizes poetry as something you read for fun, not just something assigned.

🧑🎓 This Week's Poetry Challenge

Pick one poem to revisit all week. Monday: read for enjoyment. Tuesday: echo-read together. Wednesday: illustrate it. Thursday: perform it in a silly voice. Friday: write one new line using the same pattern.

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Try It Yourself

A student-facing mini activity you can print and use today.

My Poem, My Way

Listen to a poem read aloud. Then fill in the blanks below to make it your own!

Today's poem made me picture _____.

My favorite line or word was _____ because _____.

If I could add one more line, it would say: _____.

Draw What You Heard

Sketch a picture of what the poem made you imagine.

Rate the Poem

Color in your stars!

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Teacher Notes

Looking for More Poems?

Good Tidings is a full collection of warm, funny, rhythmic poem-stories written just for elementary readers — the kind kids ask to hear again at bedtime or circle time. Perfect for morning meeting, transitions, or read-aloud time. Take a peek at goodtidingsbooks.com.

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