Poetry Project
Creating Your Own Poetry Book

Task:
This project will have ten (10) parts:

1. You must write one (1) Haiku poem. (5 points)
   ✓ This poem MUST be about nature.
   ✓ It MUST follow the guidelines for a Haiku poem.
   ✓ You MUST locate a picture that will serve as your inspiration in writing this poem.
   ✓ You MUST include at least one sentence explaining the Haiku.

2. You must write one (1) Limerick poem. (5 points)
   ✓ This poem MUST contain the following rhyme scheme: aabba
   ✓ It MUST follow the guidelines for the meter and beat.
   ✓ You MUST locate a picture that will serve as your inspiration in writing this poem.
   ✓ You MUST include at least one sentence explaining the Limerick.

3. You must write one (1) rhyming poem. (10 points)
   ✓ This poem MUST be AT LEAST 10 lines in length.
   ✓ At the end of each line of the poem, you MUST include the rhyme scheme. (Ex. aabbceddee)
   ✓ You MUST locate a picture that will serve as your inspiration in writing this poem.
   ✓ You MUST write a paragraph explaining your poem and stating the rhyme scheme.

4. You must write one (1) simile or metaphor WITH one (1) alliteration poem. (10 points)
   ✓ This poem MUST be AT LEAST 10 lines in length.
   ✓ This poem must have at least one simile and/or metaphor and alliteration.
   ✓ You MUST locate a picture that will serve as your inspiration in writing this poem.
   ✓ You MUST write a paragraph explaining your poem and stating the simile, metaphor and alliteration.

5. You must write one (1) simile or metaphor AND personify the entire poem. (10 points)
   ✓ This poem MUST be AT LEAST 10 lines in length.
   ✓ This poem must have at least one simile and/or metaphor.
   ✓ This poem must be written from the perspective of an inanimate object such as a mirror, a door, a pencil, a bathrobe, etc.
   ✓ You MUST locate a picture that will serve as your inspiration in writing this poem.
   ✓ You MUST write a paragraph explaining your poem and stating the simile and/or metaphor.

6. You must write one (1) Ode poem. (10 points)
   ✓ This poem MUST be AT LEAST 10 lines in length.
   ✓ This poem must include a simile and/or metaphor AND hyperbole.
   ✓ You MUST locate a picture that will serve as your inspiration in writing this poem.
   ✓ You MUST write a paragraph explaining your poem and stating the simile and/or metaphor AND hyperbole.

7. You must write two (2) poems selected from the packet of poems attached. (5 points each)
   ✓ These MUST follow two (2) different templates from the packet. (NOT THE LIMERICK)
   ✓ You MUST write a paragraph explaining what each poem is about.

8. You must select one (1) song heard on the radio. (5 points)
   ✓ You MUST photo copy or print out the lyrics.
   ✓ You must determine the form of the song: stanzas, refrain, narrative, lyric, ballad
   ✓ Identify three (3) poetic devices seen in the song: alliteration, simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, hyperbole, repetition or rhyme scheme
9. You must locate and select two (2) poems by a famous poet that features any of the following poetic devices: alliteration, simile, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia, hyperbole, refrain, or repetition. Each poem MUST have a different poetic device. **(5 points each)**
   ✓ Simply locate these poems, photocopy them, and explain, in one brief paragraph, what the poem is about and which poetic device is used.

10. You must select one (1) poem from either the poetry books in the library or the website below to analyze. **(20 points)**
    ✓ You MUST photocopy the original poem (or print from the computer).
    ✓ You MUST follow the Poetry Protocol handout when analyzing this poem.

Some websites that may be helpful are [www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org), [www.poetry.org](http://www.poetry.org), [www.familyfriendpoems.com](http://www.familyfriendpoems.com), [http://www.poetrysoup.com/famous_poems](http://www.poetrysoup.com/famous_poems). Some famous poets to look for are:

- Edna St. Vincent Millay
- Emily Dickinson
- William Wordsworth
- Paul Laurence Dunbar
- Robert Frost
- Lewis Carroll
- William Shakespeare
- T.S. Eliot
- Gary Soto
- Walt Whitman
- Langston Hughes
- Theodore Roethke
- E.E. Cummings
- Alfred Lord Tennyson
- William Butler Yeats
- Christina Rossetti
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- Nikki Giovanni
- Anne Bradstreet
- Eve Merriam
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- Henry David Thoreau
- Shel Silverstein

**Format: (5 points)**

Project must:
1. be typed
2. be bound in some way BEFORE entering the classroom. Failure to do so will result in points taken off the final grade.
3. be turned in on time. **NO LATE PROJECTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!**
4. include a cover page with a title
   ✓ Create a title for your entire book
   ✓ Include your name, period, and date on the cover ONLY
   ✓ Include an illustration (a picture or drawing)
5. include a table of contents which indicates:
   ✓ the title of your poem and type of poem in order of appearance (Haiku, Limerick, Rhyming, Simile/Metaphor & Alliteration, Simile/Metaphor & Personification, Ode, Packet Poem, Packet Poem, Song, Famous Poem, Famous Poem, Famous Poem)
   ✓ the page number on which it is located
6. contain all ten (10) task parts and the pictures or photocopies of the poems to go along with them

**Due Date:**
Two (2) important dates
1. Friday, April 27th – check for progress and trouble shoot
2. **Thursday, May 3rd** – Final Project Due Date

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Dear Parent(s):

Please be mindful of the upcoming poetry project. There are many levels to this project and until the completion of the project, your son/daughter will have poetry project homework every night. Please sign on the line below indicating your knowledge of the assignment. I will check signatures as a homework assignment for your child. Thank you for your support.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________