

Mother's Day/Father's Day Poetry Unit

This poetry unit is a great way to introduce students to various types of "form" poetry and give them an authentic audience at the same time. To teach this unit:

1. Photocopy a packet of the six planning sheets for each student.
2. Make an overhead transparency of each planning sheet.
3. Select one type of poem to introduce each day. Explain the format of the poem. Show samples if you have any. Model each step on the planning sheet on the overhead.
4. After each step is modeled, have students complete that step on their sheets.
5. Repeat this process each day until each poem is completed.
6. Revise and edit poems.
7. Have students copy the revised poems onto good paper.
8. Bind each student's final drafts into a book.
9. Have students write a title and illustrate the cover and each page.
10. Have students wrap the books to give as presents.

Cinquain Poem Planning Sheet

Line 1 - Write your family member's name here. This will be the title.

Line 2 - Think of two-word phrases that describe your topic. Circle the phrase you like best.

Line 3 - Think of three-word phrases that tell something the topic can do. Circle the phrase you like best.

Line 4 - Think of four-word phrases that describe a feeling about your topic. Circle the phrase you like best.

Line 5 - Think of one word that refers back to your title. Write it here.

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Bio-Poem Planning Sheet

(person's first name)

(3 adjectives describing the person)

Who feels _____

Who needs _____

Who fears _____

Who gives _____

Who would like to see _____

(person's last name)

Simile Poem Planning Sheet

(person's name)

Make a list of adjectives that describe the person.

Write similes to compare your topic to something else. Be sure to use "like" or "as". (Example: *My mom is: As pretty as a rose. As hard-working as a honeybee.*)

_____ is:

Rhyming Couplet Planning Sheet

(Title)

Write your first sentence here. Be sure to end with a word that will be easy to rhyme.

Make a list of words that rhyme with the last word of your sentence.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Write three rhyming sentences here.

Write your rhyming couplet poem here.

(Example: I have a mom who's swell,
 She likes the NFL.
 I have a mom who's swell,
 She can cook real well.
 I have a mom who's swell,
 My secrets she'll never tell.

Two-Word Poem Planning Sheet

Make a list of nouns that describe your person.

(Examples: cook, gardener, nurse, mechanic, reader, runner, etc.)

Think of an adjective to go with each noun. Write your two-word phrases here. (Examples: great cook, caring nurse, talented mechanic, avid reader, slow runner).
