

Connecticut Reading Association
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Poetry Across the Curriculum K-2
Children's Author Janet Lawler (www.JanetLawler.com)
Resources

Teaching Resources - Books

Every Child A Reader, by Helen Coffin

Read and Understand Poetry, Gr.2-3
(Workbook series by Evan-Moor Publishers)

How to Write Poems, by Wes Magee

Poetry People: A Practical Guide to Children's Poets, by Sylvia M. Vardell

Vardell has created a comprehensive survey of 62 contemporary children's poets. Each of the one- to three-page entries begins with a brief biography and includes Web sites, bibliographies, suggestions for use and reading of specific poems, plus connections to other children's literature....The valuable appendixes include promotion activities, a calendar of poets' birthdays, awards the different writers have won, and a bibliography of poems about libraries and reading. This book will be welcomed by all adults interested in connecting children with poetry. *School Library Journal November 2007*

Math Poetry: Linking Language and Math in a Fresh Way: Grades 2-5: Teacher Resource, by Betty Franco

Internet Sites/Resources

Reading Rockets, reading and literacy website:
<http://www.readingrockets.org/>

under Books and Authors, there are themed book lists, which include:

Nursery Rhymes:
<http://www.readingrockets.org/articles/books/c643>

and Poetry for All Ages:
<http://www.readingrockets.org/articles/books/c366>

(also find many poems/rhyming books within various other topics, e.g., find *A Poetic Spring* under the topic "Seasons".

Kid-friendly definitions of poetry, and links to other sites and kids' poetry contests:

<http://42explore.com/poetry.htm>

Fabulous site for both adult and children's poetry resources:

<http://www.poets.org>

Browse the site, search Children's Poetry. Teaching Resource Center, <http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/83>, includes curriculum units, poems to teach, tips for teaching, etc.

See also, on this site, a list of read- alouds for children:

<http://www.poets.org/viewmedia.php/prmMID/17154>

Authors' Websites

Check author's website for any book you choose. You may find curriculum tie-ins and activities already prepared. For example:

Children's Author/Poet Janet Lawler:

www.JanetLawler.com

Find Curriculum Guides for *If Kisses Were Colors* and *A Father's Song*

[This CRA resource list will be posted under Early Literacy.]

Children's Author/Poet Kristine O'Connell George:

<http://www.kristinegeorge.com/index.html>

Site includes her books, a page for teachers with curriculum guides for her books, and other poetry related resources, including a "bookstore" (Amazon link) of children's poetry books:

<http://www.kristinegeorge.com/kidspetrybookstore.html> , with listing by classroom topics:

[Sports](#)

[Science](#)

[School Days](#)

[Multicultural](#)

[History & Mythology](#)

[Music and Art](#)

[The Joy of Words](#)

[Holidays and Seasons](#)

[Nature and Animals](#)
[Laugh Out Loud!](#)
[Poet Biographies](#)
[Pets! Pets! Pets!](#)
[Math](#)
[Space](#)
[City Life](#)

Publishers' Websites

Many publishers' websites provide teacher materials. Some may focus on poetry. For example, visit:

www.leeandlow.com go to Poetry Power page to find poet Pat Mora and her works.

Poetry Examples/Resources by Subject Area

Concepts

Red Sings from the Treetops, A Year in Colors, by Joyce Sidman

Math

So Many Bunnies, by Rick Walton/Paige Miglio

Count Me a Rhyme, Animal Poems by the Numbers, by Jane Yolen

10 in the Bed, by Jane Cabrera

(Most books contain math opportunities! How many hugs can a spider give?)

Language Arts

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, by Diane Redfield Massie
(concept/alphabet)

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You, by Mary Ann Hoberman

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You (Very Short Mother Goose Tales), by
Mary Ann Hoberman

Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young, selected by Jack Prelutsky

My Very First Mother Goose, ed. by Iona Opie

(Almost all poetry affords opportunities to expand vocabulary, prompt writing and develop comprehension.)

Science

Where Fish Go in Winter, by Amy Goldman Koss

Spectacular Science, A book of Poems, selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins

Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow, by Joyce Sidman

Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems, by Joyce Sidman

Science Verse, by John Scieszka

Snow, Snow, Poems for Young People, by Jane Yolen

Wild Wings, Poems for Young People, by Jane Yolen

Mice Squeak, We Speak, by Tomie dePaola

Social Studies

A World of Wonders, by J. Patrick Lewis

A Father's Song, by Janet Lawler
(K-1 "family" units)

Langston Hughes (Poetry for Young People series), ed. by David Roessel & Arnold Rampersad (black history and language arts)

LIVES Poems about Famous Americans, selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins

Music and Movement

Over on the Farm, by Christopher Gunson (also counting)

Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr (animals/science)

Beach Party, by Harriet Ziefert and Simms Taback

I Took My Rat to Show and Tell, by Joan Horton
(poem, Bubble Gum Rap)

Just Plain Fun and Holidays

llama, llama, mad at mama, by Anna Dewdney
(for K)

The Dragons Are Singing Tonight, by Jack Prelutsky

lizards, frogs, and polliwogs, by Douglas Florian
(some science)

Hippopotamus Stew and Other Silly Animal Poems, by Joan Horton

Halloween Hoots and Howls, by Joan Horton

Tyrannoclaus, by Janet Lawler

When Cows Come Home for Christmas, by Dori Chaconas

A Mother's Song (2010), by Janet Lawler