

Final Project: Original Poem

The culminating activity to conclude the "Poetry" unit is to create an original piece of poetry. Each poem must be typed and illustrated. Two days will be provided for you to complete this project. After your poems have been collected, the best five poems from each class will be selected to be included in the sixth grade poetry magazine. Once the poetry magazine has been completed, a selected panel of judges will choose the best ten (10) poems from the collection. The authors of these poems and his/her family members will be invited to participate in the annual poetry night here at the Lisle Junior High School LRC. Details about this special night will be provided at a later date.

In order to complete this task successfully you must meet the following requirements:

1. Create an original poem with a minimum of **15** lines. If you are having difficulty selecting a theme for your poem, the following topics may help:
 - o nature
 - o places
 - o friendship
 - o underwater life
 - o holidays
 - o family
2. The poem must demonstrate accurate usage of **two** or more literary elements from the three categories below:
 - A. Sound devices
 - o Internal rhyme
 - o repetition
 - o alliteration
 - o onomatopoeia
 - B. Figurative Language
 - o simile
 - o metaphor
 - o personification
 - C. Incorporate imagery using sensory details
3. The poem must be accompanied by a hand-drawn or computer generated illustration.
4. The poem must be typed.
5. Literary elements used must be written on the back of the poem.