

Quick Project Ideas Spring Poetry Projects K-6



Noticed any signs of spring lately? The Vernal Equinox, March 20, is the official start of the season. So keep your eyes on the outdoors with these projects that turn spring into pure poetry!

Collecting Poems

Invite students to collect poems around a spring theme. Choose a theme that accompanies classroom learning. March is Women's History Month; April 22nd is Earth Day; and April is National Poetry Month.

Favorite Poets and Poems

Activity: Writing a Class Anthology

Have students choose a poet to research. If you focus on seasonal changes, brainstorm signs of spring and use them as search terms at poetryfoundation.org. Distribute the student worksheet on page 2 as a template for research. After students learn about a poet, encourage them to write a "mimic poem" or a "response poem," for a favorite poem or line. Have students enter finished work into the "Poetry Anthology" StorySpark at TikaTok.com.

Activity: Scenes of Spring

Start by viewing Langston Hughes's "April Rain Song" at poetryfoundation.org/children. Then have students compose their own spring poems. Record the poems aloud. For a video, hang students' drawings of spring on a classroom window. Allow the camera to take in the pictures and the world outside the window, while the soundtrack plays.

Prompts and Projects

- **Nature in Odes and Songs** Boost awareness about ecology and the environment with a spring reading of nature poems. Use the "Odes and Songs" StorySpark at TikaTok.com.
- **Favorite Poem Project** Find resources at favoritepoem.org for background on the national Favorite Poem Project. Then, hold a school reading or participate in one already occurring.
- **Sunrise, Sunset** Equinox occurs when night and day have equal length. Track sunrise and sunset times at NOAA.gov. Assign students to observe and paint a sunrise or a sunset to accompany a poem in the Poetry Anthology.
- **April Fools** Introduce the work of Children's Poet Laureate, Kenn Nesbitt, by reading aloud the poem "Good Morning, Dear Students" at poetryfoundation.org/children. Then have students write their own rhyming "April Fools" poems.

TikaTok Tip

When students finish projects at TikaTok.com, go to "My Studio" and click "Invite Parent."



Poet Selection

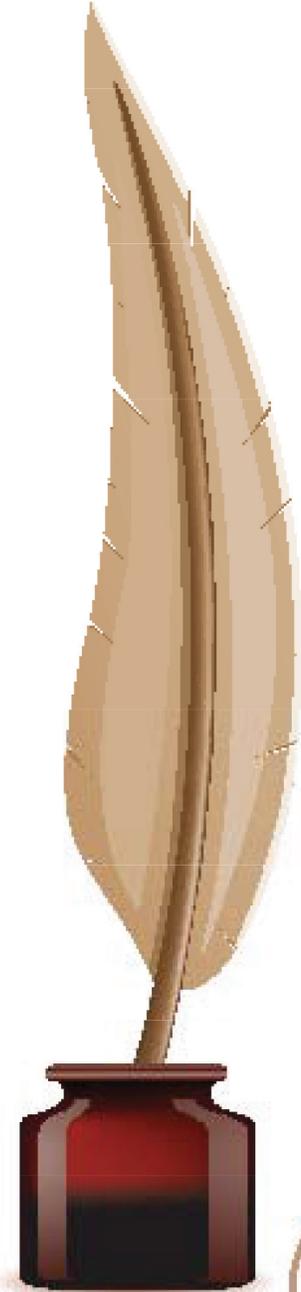
Instructions: Choose a famous poet to research. Discuss interesting facts. On the back of this paper, draw an illustration.

Poet: _____

Famous pieces of writing by this poet:

History of this poet:

I chose to write about this poet because:



Author: _____