

### Why Poetry?

- language may be predictable (rhyme/repetition)
- length may be less intimidating than most prose
- offers exposure to vocabulary
- fun use of language
- offers exposure to poetic devices

### Some Important Poetic Devices

- observation - showing, not telling
- imagery - sensory language
- word choice
- Higher level language (comparison language)
- analogy - simile/metaphor
- personification

### And Even More Poetic Devices

- repetition
- rhyme
- meter
- alliteration
- assonance/consonance
- onomatopoeia
- line breaks

### Weekly Poetry

- As a riddle
- Recite it as a group
- Break it up and assign parts
- Act it out
- Move to it
- Illustrate it
- Sing it
- Look for rhyme patterns
- Look for repetition
- Look for poetic devices
- But most of all... Enjoy it!

### Some Poems with Refrains

- The Bagpipe Didn't Say No - Shel Silverstein
- Rock 'n' Roll Band - Shel Silverstein
- Buckingham Palace - A. A. Milne
- If My Hand Didn't Get So Tired - Kalli Dakos
- The Pasture - Robert Frost
- Dreams - Langston Hughes
- The Library Cheer - Brod Bagert
- Things - Eloise Greenfield
- The Bogeyman - Jack Prelutsky
- The Ecchoing Green - William Blake
- When You're a Pirate Dog - Eric Ode
- Red Eye Jack, the Pirate Ghost - Eric Ode
- The Dance - Eric Ode