

# TEACHING POETRY

Some ideas for motivating students to read and write poetry:

- feature a poem a day
- “no-strings” poetry read alouds
- poetry share (Show and Tell)
- read alouds of themed books and poems
- avoid teaching forms of poetry initially
- avoid teaching literary device initially
- read, but don’t always write
- brainstorming sessions
- Poetry Walks (idea hunts)
- writing/idea notebooks
- stocked poetry center (books, pencils, paper)
- poem murals/illustrations
- poetry bulletin boards (with poet’s photo!)
- poetry bookmarks
- poetry greeting cards
- poetry magnets
- poetry mobiles
- poetry postcards
- poetry videos
- poetry Podcasts
- class poetry websites
- public access poetry (cable TV)
- public space poetry (*Poetry in Motion*)
- Poet’s Chair (Author’s Chair)
- peer/teacher conferences
- Class Poet Laureate
- class poetry publications
- Poetry Readings/Teas
- submit poetry, e.g., *Highlights Magazine*
- poet studies (author studies)
- Poet of the Week/Month