

# **POETRY PROGRAM**

*Each week our class will be working with a different poem. The poem is used to practice oral reading, identify parts of poems, and teach grammar terms. It is also a useful tool for increasing students memorization skills and helps struggling readers.*

*Below is a weekly schedule and on the reverse of this sheet is a description of terms that will be discussed. Students, and parents, can use these descriptions to help with the poem homework.*

## **Monday**

- In class, students are introduced to the poem and parts of the poem are discussed
- Weekly poem, with homework sheet, is sent home
- Poem homework is due on Thursday.  
(keep the copy of the poem at home to study for Friday's test)

## **Tuesday/Wednesday**

- Poem is read orally in class, reviewing terms

## **Thursday**

- Poem homework is due

## **Friday**

- Students write a poem test in class (poem reviewed prior to testing)
- The test consists of the poem with missing words and a word box.  
There are also questions related to the poem homework and class discussions

*\*\* The homework will not be graded but the poem test will be graded and used for reporting. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these tasks with limited assistance from parents/adults.*

*\*\* Returned, completed homework will receive Superkids.*

*\*\* Graded poem tests will be attached to weekly progress reports.*

*\*\* If there are any concerns, confusion, etc. with the poetry homework, please feel free to contact me. Students are allowed to bring in their homework during the week for help with any problems. This assistance will be done during recess and lunch breaks.*

*\*\* This schedule of due dates and activities will change on shortened school weeks. Watch for change of due dates on homework and in planners.*