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PART I



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Outcomes

This lesson plan helps increase poetry reading in the homes of students by getting parents involved.

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Ideas and Methodologies

- At the beginning of the year, parents are notified that at least one poem will be sent home each week as a part of homework. These poems should be of a wide range— including poems of other languages with English translations. Parents are encouraged to read the poem with their child and discuss it.
- Students are then asked to respond. If possible, parents should include their own responses. Including a place for adult responses on the homework is useful for encouraging parents.
- Previous teachers have reported that the majority of parents consistently respond, and that parents have also informed them during meetings or conferences that this poetry addition is their favorite part of homework each week. They have stated that they enjoy reading the poems with their entire family and discussing it together. Many children have said that their parents often act out the poems or try to memorize them!





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