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Connect Poetry and the TEKS & STAAR

The Poetry Friday Anthology offers a set of 36 poems for each grade level, K-5 (a poem-a-week for the 9 months of the typical school year). Drawing on decades of experience in classrooms all over the world as well as volumes of academic research and writing, this book presents activities that are poem-specific, skill-based, developmentally appropriate for each weekly poem—and that connect to the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) and STAAR standards for poetry instruction.

Much like "Casual Friday" in the corporate world, there is a perception in the world of literature that on Fridays we should relax a bit and take a moment for something special.

The Poetry Friday Anthology brings the Poetry Friday concept into the classroom or library and makes it easy to take five minutes every Friday (or any day) to share a poem. Explore a poem, connect it with children's lives, and capitalize on a teachable moment. Pausing to share a poem—and reinforce a language skill—on Poetry Friday is a simple and effective way to infuse poetry into your current teaching practice or routine.

NOTE: This is the K-5 Texas TEKS edition; there is also a Common Core State Standards (CCSS) edition as well as middle school versions for grades 6-8.

The Poetry Friday Anthology provides support for educators and parents who might be unfamiliar with today's poetry for young people and might need guidance in how to begin.

Infuse poem-sharing throughout the day and throughout the curriculum. And don't be surprised if it's a wonderful poem moment that students remember most vividly at the end of the school year!

218 Poems by 76 Poets:

For each poem you share, we suggest another poem from the book that is related in some way. Of course you can feel free to share any and all of the poems with students at any time, in any order, and in any way. The 218 poems in this book represent the work of 76 of the best children's poets who are writing today.

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