



COMMON CORE STANDARDS FOR FIFTH GRADE (RL.5.2; RL.5.4; RL.5.5; RL.5.6; RL.5.7)

In sharing poetry with fifth graders, we support their expanding vocabularies, promote a playful awareness of words and language, and develop their confidence in comprehending texts of all kinds.

First we focus on enjoyment and understanding, and then we guide students in responding to poetry in various forms, and in articulating themes from key ideas and details in the poems and from how the poem's speaker reflects upon and shapes a topic with a particular point of view.

In sharing poetry aloud and in print, we can guide students in understanding word meanings and how figurative language like metaphors and similes function in poetry.

We can help them understand how structural elements like stanzas and line breaks help shape a poem and how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a poem.

In fun and participatory ways, we can celebrate poetry while gently introducing and reinforcing key skills.

FIFTH GRADE

WEEK 29: POETRY POEMS

Take 5!

1. Read this poem aloud and **ask students to picture the words and images in their minds while listening.**
2. **Display the words of the poem and ask for four volunteers to help read the poem aloud**, one for each of the first four lines of the poem, as you read the rest of the poem. Let them practice their lines softly with a partner first.
3. For discussion: ***What is a fifth grader like?***
4. In this poem the poet uses *metaphors* to describe a meadow, thunder, a bus, and a desk. **Talk with students about how the two things being compared are alike** (*meadow/ocean, thunder/drummer, bus/puppy, desk/robot*).
5. Connect this poem with another rich in metaphor, "**Honey**" by **J. Patrick Lewis** (3rd Grade, Week 32, page 178).

HOW IS A MEADOW AN OCEAN?

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A meadow's an ocean with wild waves of wheat
Thunder's a drummer that's keeping storm's beat

A bus is a puppy that runs down the street
A desk is a robot with round, metal feet

A metaphor's a window that changes our view,
A gift to unwrap something old made brand new

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