

# POETRY CAFE



**WHEN:** Thursday, April 21st

**WHY:** To celebrate National Poem in Your Pocket Day and honor each student's voice and personal expression

**WHAT:** Each student will give an oration of a poem of their choice. The poetry does not have to be their own, but there is a minimum length requirement of at least 3 stanzas.

I will score the presentation using the following criteria:

- Eye contact
- Gesturing
- Clear, correct pronunciation
- Rate and volume
- Presence
- Overall dramatic presentation

**WHAT ELSE:** It is **highly recommended** (but not required) to memorize your poem, and to use props or costumes. Also, if you are enjoying it the audience will enjoy it and your performance will be enhanced tremendously!! Trust me!

**ONE MORE THING:** *Recipe for a powerful presentation is to **PLAN, PREPARE** and **PRACTICE!!***

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You must determine what poem you are going to recite and turn in this portion of the paper by Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

*NAME:* \_\_\_\_\_

Here are my top three poems that I would like to recite on Thursday:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
by:

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
by:

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
by:

*COMMENTS:*