

# **POETRY CAFE**



**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 30th

(You must determine what poem you are going to recite and have a copy of the poem by Monday, April 29th!)

**WHY:** To celebrate National Poetry Month and honor each student's voice and personal expression

**WHAT:** Each student will perform 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. Choose a poem that is both appropriate in content and personally significant or moving.

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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TURN IN ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26th

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

Here are my top two poems that I would like to recite on Tuesday:

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

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

*COMMENTS:*