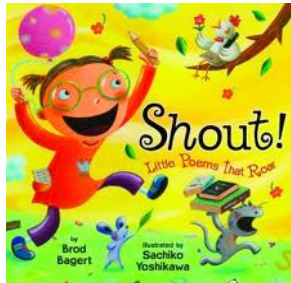


Read Smoothly

Shout!

Little Poems That Roar

Written by Brod Bagert...Illustrated by Sachiko Yoshikawa



This is a group of happy poems that will delight students. The first poem, “Shout,” is about the fun of poetry. Read each line and have the students shout it back. Another response poem is “The Library Cheer.” The repeating lines are

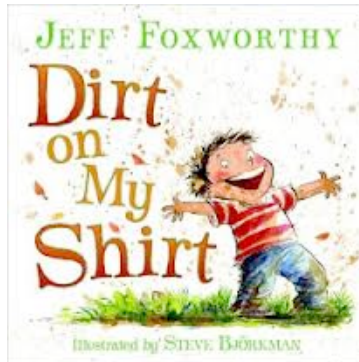
Books are good!
Books are great!
I want books!
I will not wait!

“Taking Turns,” cleverly describes how the four seasons must take turns and share the year. Ketchup loving children will enjoy the poem, “The Spice of Life.”

Read Smoothly

Dirt on My Shirt

Written by Jeff Foxworthy...Illustrated by Steve Bjorkman



Yes, author Jeff Foxworthy is the same person who stars in the Blue Comedy Tour. How can a self-proclaimed redneck write children's poetry? Apparently, he's figured it out because his poems are spectacular. They are filled with everyday topics such as squirrels, noises, bath time, balloons, cousins and riding in the car; things that children think and care about. Each poem is short, filled with rhyme and often a funny last line. Here's an example:

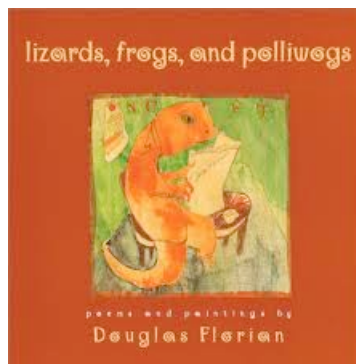
Roly-poly

I found a Roly-poly
He rolled into a ball
I rolled him through the kitchen
I rolled him down the hall
I rolled him to the back porch
He did not want to play
I went inside for dinner
And my Poly walked away.

Read Smoothly

Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs

Written and Illustrated by Douglas Florian



Inventive poems combine with intriguing illustrations fill this book with tales of skinks, tortoises, geckos, crocodiles, alligators, iguanas, cobras, chameleons, polliwogs and more.

Douglas Florian is a prolific poet and illustrator. His poems are cleverly written and provide examples of fluent language. The text in some poems delightfully matches the action by circling round, jiggling or forming an outline. Some poems are one line long while others are a bit more. All are within the perfect listening and attention span of a young child. Yet adults will fully enjoy his wit and word selection too. Florian's stunning artwork integrates with his poetry to surprise and often explain the text. Is it fiction or non-fiction? That depends on the poem...maybe a bit of both.

Any of Florian's poetry will make a nice balance to the, "laugh out-loud" poems children also enjoy. Many of his poems are short enough for children to repeat back to get the sense of how his words can roll off your tongue.

Read Smoothly

Book Speak!

Written by Laura Purdie Salas...Illustrated by Josee Bisailon



The poems in this collection are all about books, reading and writing. The illustrations are done in collage style which add another dimension.

Poem Titles:

Calling All Readers
Skywriting
If a Tree Falls
A Character Pleads for Life
Index
Top Secret
On the Shelf and Under the Bed
Paper Sky
Cliffhanger
The Sky is Falling
Written in Snow
Book Plate
Hydrophobic
I've Got This Covered
Picture This
Conflicted
The Middle's Lament: A Poem for Three Voices
This Is the Book
Lights Out at the Bookstore
Vacation Time!
The End

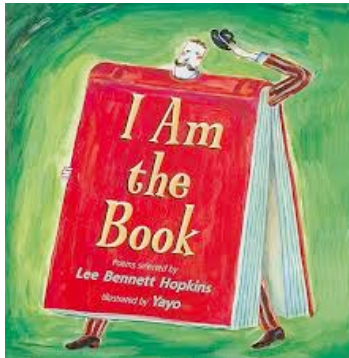
Connections:

Be a Voracious Reader!
Writing on a page
Expanding Vocabulary
Name the Characters
Identify Fiction and Non-Fiction
Writing in a Diary
Loved vs. unread books
Writing
Ending of Story
Falling asleep while reading
Stories
Names in book
Don't get a book wet
Book covers.
Use the Pictures
Name the Problem-Solution
Retell Beginning, Middle and End
Who makes a book?
What books do at night?
Books like to travel...
Retell Beginning, middle & End

Read Smoothly

I Am the Book

Poems selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins...Illustrated by Yayo



The love of reading is the central theme in this collection of poems from various authors. The illustrations are fanciful paintings that compliment each poem. Read them one by one or in a group to hear the “lilt of lovely language.”

Poem Titles

Quiet Morning
Wonder Through the Pages
What Was That?
When I Read
Pirates
Paperback Plunder
Poetry Time
A Poem Is
Don't Need a Window Seat
Who's Rich?
This Book
I Am the Book
Book

Connections:

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