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The Power of Poetry in Kindergarten

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This four-week poetry unit for primary students focuses on building an appreciation of poetry. April is National Poetry Month, 30 days of celebrating the joy, expressiveness, and pure delight of poetry.

Inspired by the poem, *Keep a Poem in Your Pocket* by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers, the students will begin the month-long celebration by designing a pocket to wear each day, carrying a poem with them throughout the day. Each day students will hear and learn a new poem with the goal of celebrating the diversity of poets and styles, across time and cultures.

(Developed for Reading, grade K; recommended for Reading, grades K-2)

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