

Tea Time *Poetry*



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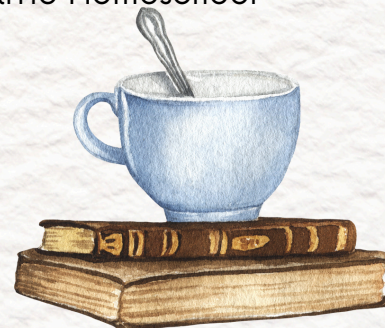
Pour yourself a cup of tea, put your feet up, and let's have a little poetry tea party. Let me tell you a little secret. My kids hated poetry. I almost gave up trying to include poetry into our homeschooling. Then one day my daughter (who like me loves tea parties), asked if we could have a tea party at lunch. Now, who am I to turn down a tea party invitation? So I made a few PB & J sandwiches, removed the crusts and cut them into triangles. Then with a few English muffins, I made a few mini pizzas with some left over marina sauce we had. I sprinkled some cheese on top and baked them in the toaster oven. Joe helped me make some chocolate milk, and we poured it into my mom's china cups. I remembered Francesca had written a few poems about manatees the day before so I told her to bring them to the party. Then, I lit a candle, we sat down, and started eating our yummy tea sandwiches. Francesca recited her manatee poems, and Joe made up a few "roses are red, your feet stink" poems. They were having so much fun, I ran to the bookshelf and pulled out my favorite Shel Silverstein poetry book, *Where the Side Walk Ends*. I told them I didn't want to be left out so I read my favorite poem, "Smart."

Viola! Just like that! A new homeschooling tradition was born: Poetry Tea Time! After that serendipitous afternoon, each month I tried to plan an afternoon poetry tea party. But any day is a perfect day for a poetry tea party! You only need three ingredients: tea, treats, and some poetry. Halting the chaos of the week or pausing the hustle and bustle of the day for a restorative cup of tea (or mug of hot chocolate, cup of hot cider, or glass of lemonade) can create a perfect place for fun with rhymes, riddles, sonnets, and limericks. Pick a few flowers and put them in a vase. Play some classical music in the background. Light a candle. Pour a little tea in a china cup and read some of your favorite poetry. Better yet, have your children share original poems they have composed or recite poetry they have memorized. That's it! It can be a fancy high tea with china, cucumber sandwiches, and Shakespearean sonnets, a Japanese tea with sushi, mochi, and haiku poems, or a backyard tea with ants on a log celery stick, lemonade, and Shel Silverstein poems.

I compiled for you monthly poetry tea party ideas that are easy to plan (or can be done spontaneously). Each Tea Party Plan includes a theme, a recipe (or two), a few poetry book recommendations, a poetry template to create original poems, a game or fun poetry activity, and a bible verse or poet quote for copy work or inspiration. For more ideas on how to start your own Poetry Tea Time Party, listen to Coffee With Carrie Homeschool Podcast [Episode #93, "Poetry Tea Time"](#).

May the Lord bless your tea time for His glory,

— Carrie —
DE FRANCISCO





*"Give thanks for each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night.
For health and food, For love and friends,
For everything they goodness sends."
~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

the season of Fall is proof that change can be beautiful. This month's theme celebrates the beauty of autumn and the holiday of Thanksgiving: Thanksgiving Tea Time. Celebrate the beautiful and spectacular array of colors and energetic activity of animals this month. Count your blessings. Give praise to our Creator. Read Thanksgiving poems. Recite autumn poems. Create gratitude poems.

Poetry Book Recommendations

- **Sing a Song of Seasons: A Nature Poem for Each Day of the Year** by Fiona Water
- **National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry: More than 200 Poems With Photographs That Float, Zoom, and Bloom!** by J. Patrick Lewis
- **When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons** by Julie Fogliano
- **A Celebration of the Seasons: Goodnight Songs: Illustrated by Twelve Award-Winning Picture Book Artists (Volume 2)** Margaret Wise Brown
- **Gobble Up Gratitude: Turkey Day Poems for Kids** by Bananny McPeels
- **A Psalms for Little Hearts: 25 Psalms for Joy, Hope and Praise (A Child's First Bible)** by Dandi Daley Mackall
- **Poetry for Kids: Robert Frost** by Robert Frost & Jay Parini

Poetry Activity

Play Poetry 5 Second Rule

1. Print the 5 Second Rule game cards and cut them out. Retrieve a second timer.
2. Take turns in the "Hot Seat." Read a 5 Second Rule card to the person in the "hot seat." He has 5 seconds to name 3 things in the category. If he beats the timer, he earns a point.
3. The person with the most points at the end of 5 rounds is the winner.

Play "I am Thankful for..."

Start each day sharing one thing you are thankful for.





Autumn Tea

November

Pumpkin Tea Sandwiches

Turn your left over pumpkin bread into a tasty tea treat.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 and 3/4 cups (219g) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg*
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves*
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger*
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup light or dark brown sugar
- 1 and 1/2 cups canned pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup (60ml) orange juice*
- 2/3 cup (120g) semi-sweet chocolate chips*

HOMEMADE PUMPKIN BREAD:

1. Gently mix all ingredients together. Add the chips last. Don't over mix.
2. Grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan.
3. Bake at 350 for 60 minutes (or until a toothpick can be inserted in the center with only a few small moist crumbs.). Half way through baking place tin foil on top to prevent the crust from burning.
4. Allow the bread to cool completely in the pan on a wire rack before removing and slicing. Cover and store leftover pumpkin bread 3-4 days.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Add orange zest and ground cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves to room temperature cream cheese.
2. Spread seasoned cream cheese on two slices of pumpkin bread.
3. Cut into long rectangular shapes for presentation.

Compose Original Acrostic Poems

An acrostic poem is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a word, name, or phrase when read vertically. Create a few acrostic poems about Thanksgiving and Fall.



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ACROSTIC PATTERN



Acrostic Poems are written vertically and contain adjectives or words that describe the topic that begin with each letter in the name or topic.

TOPIC OR TITLE:

1ST LETTER OF NAME

NOUN or WORD that
starts with this letter

2ND LETTER OF NAME

NOUN or WORD that
starts with this letter

3RD LETTER OF NAME

NOUN or WORD that
starts with this letter

NEXT LETTER OF NAME

ETC...

NOUN or WORD that
starts with this letter

LAST LETTER OF NAME

NOUN or WORD that
starts with this letter

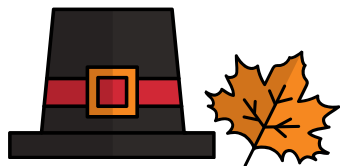


Acrostic

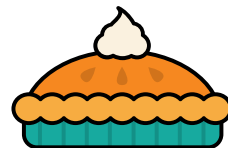


A series of horizontal lines for writing an acrostic poem, with decorative floral and vine illustrations on the left side.

ACROSTIC POEM

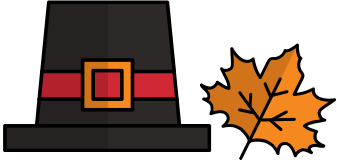


Write one thing about Thanksgiving next to each letter.

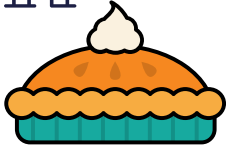


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G**

I AM THANKFUL FOR



Write one thing you are thankful for that begins
with each letter of the alphabet.



A

B

C

D

E

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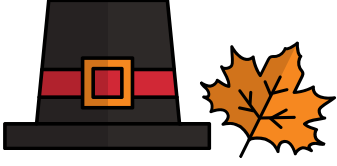
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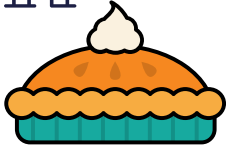
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I AM THANKFUL FOR



Write one thing you are thankful for that begins
with each letter of the alphabet.



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Q

R

S

T

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W

X

Y

Z



5 Second Rule Game



As soon as the Card is read, start the 5 Second Timer. The player in the Hot Seat has 5 seconds to give 3 answers. If he can name 3 things in the category, he earns a point. The person with the most points at the end of the 10 rounds is the winner.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with cat.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with ask

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with add.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with age.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with time.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with light.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with see.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with time.



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NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with good.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with bad

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with nice.

NAME 3
words that
rhyme with
mean.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with mop.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with go.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with got.

NAME 3
words
that
rhyme
with eat.



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NAME 3

words that
rhyme with
grace.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with hate.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with air.

NAME 3

words that
rhyme with
heart.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with joy.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with bag.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with girl.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with said.



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NAME 3

words that
rhyme with
child.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with ball.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with car.

NAME 3

words that
rhyme with
class.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with cook.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with cool.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with book.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with day.



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NAME 3

words that
rhyme with
drop.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with sun.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with gate.

NAME 3

words that
rhyme with
funny.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with gold.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with hear.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with hour.

NAME 3

words
that
rhyme
with hot.



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NAME 3

onomatopoeia
words

NAME 3

Poets

NAME 3

types of
poems

NAME 3

reasons
why you
like poetry

NAME 3

words that
start with the
same sound
(alliteration)

NAME 3

topics for
a poem

NAME 3

songs

NAME 3

Dr. Seuss
books



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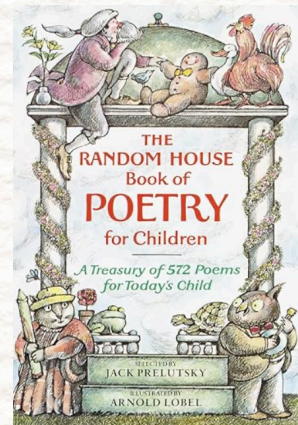
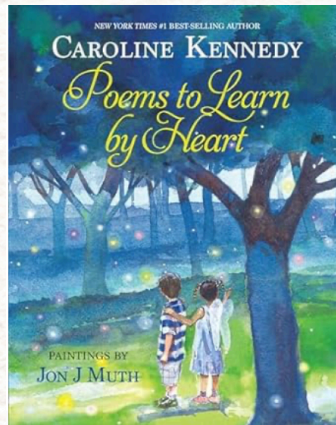
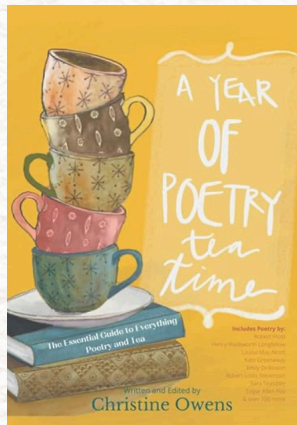
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Recommendations

You do not need any particular books on hand to have a poetry tea party! However, if you do have some extra funds in your budget and some extra space on your book shelves, I highly recommend having these items in your home.

- **A Year of Poetry Tea Time: The Essential Guide to Everything Poetry and Tea** by Christine Lynn Owens
- **Poems to Learn by Heart** by Caroline Kennedy
- **The Random House Book of Poetry for Children** by Jack Prelutsky



Tea Party Hacks

You can turn any lunch or backyard picnic into a tea party!

- Cut the crust off of any ordinary sandwich and slice it into triangles or rectangles.
- Use a cookie cutter to turn sliced fruit into fancy shapes.
- Coat grapes or blueberries with sugar or dip strawberries or bananas into melted chocolate.
- Pour any of your favorite drinks (lemonade, chocolate milk, iced tea, apple cider, etc) into tea cups.
- Add classical music in the background, a table cloth, and a lighted candle to elevate your lunch time.



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