Grade 6 Poetry Presentation
Presentations in class on
May 11 and May 18

Choose a poem by a poet of your choice. Once you decide on a poet, find one of his or her poems that you enjoy, and that is at least 20 lines in length. (If you wish, you may choose two shorter poems for the assignment.)

What to Do:

You will be teaching your classmates about the poet and the poem. Poetic Devices are the main topics of your presentation. (The more pictures/diagrams/and color in your presentation - the better.)

Your multi-media presentation should be five minutes in length and include the following:

1. Picture(s) of your poet.

2. Biography
Include: place and dates of birth and death (if he or she is deceased --and cause of death.)
BRIEF family history, description of accomplishments, motivations, general style, and reference to any other important work he or she is known for.

3. A copy of the original poem. You do not need to memorize the poem. You do need to practice it to use proper pronunciation and meter. Pause where you need to.

BEFORE you read the poem to your audience, use several slides to explain:

4. A paraphrased version of the poem. (Tell us what the poem is about in your words.) Be sure to define all words your audience may not be familiar with.
   Show where the words are in the poem as you explain the meanings.

5. Is the poem written in free verse or is there a pattern? If there is a pattern, what is it?
   Include (rhyme scheme and meter)?
   In your opinion, what overall affect does the pattern have on the poem?
   Be sure to have the poem on the screen as you do this. You may need more than one slide.

6. What is the theme and situation of the poem? What message is the speaker trying to convey?

7. What poetic devices does the poet use? What purpose do they serve? What do they accomplish in the poem?
   Be sure to have the poem on the screen as you point them out. You may color code the poetic devices to help your audience visualize.

8. What kind of mood or tone describes the poem? Is the mood/tone affected or determined by the poetic devices the author uses?

9. Is the speaker first person or third? Why do you think the author chose such a narrator?

10. How does the poem relate to your everyday experiences? (How does the theme relate to your life?)

11. Why did you choose this poet and poem?