

# Elementary Poetry Playground Instructions



## Materials:

- Clock or stopwatch
- Internet
- Distance Learning equipment (Digital Learning Dept./Librarian)

## Preparation (prior):

1. Register your school and participants at <http://edtechdl.weebly.com/>
2. No more than 10 students per teacher. However, you are not required to have 10 students in order to participate. You can have 5 or 6.
3. This event is only open to 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.
4. The Digital Learning Department will pair two classrooms and each class will share their poetry.
5. Participating audiences will identify the various types of poetry (Categories: Free Verse, Rhyme, Haiku, Limerick, Diamante, and more!)
6. See Language Arts TEKS at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter110/ch110c.html>
7. Prepare your students. Allow them to practice reciting their poems in front of their peers and other adults.
8. Be sure to edit and filter through all submitted poetry! Please stress that they write & present original poetry. You may want to have a practice run through with the kids prior to the Poetry Playground event.
9. You will need to reserve a location (usually the library). However, depending on the size of your audience and the number of participants at your site, your classroom may suffice.
10. Feel free to invite your audience such as other staff, parents, etc.
11. A Digital Learning Specialist will be assigned to your campus to assist with the Poetry Playground.

## Preparation (the day of):

- ✓ One teacher will establish house rules with the audience and poets. However, please know that your rules need to be established with your audience prior to the competition (clapping and snapping is allowed, quiet room while performing, no funny faces, etc.). See wiki for *Video Conferencing Etiquette*

- ✓ Each student will deliver an original poem in the time allotted. Poems should be presented in no less than 30 seconds and no more than 2 minutes
- ✓ Order of participants per school may vary due to amount of participants.
- ✓ Repeat steps for each poet

**Prize:**

- ✓ Each participant will receive a certificate
- ✓ A group picture will be taken

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