

Hello TIC TOC Docents,

We are excited to offer two ways of participating in the TIC TOC's annual Elementary School Poetry Project. In the past, we have had students create a class poem based on a piece of artwork or the students had the opportunity to create pieces of artwork based on their interpretation of a poem.

Docents can choose a piece of artwork or poem to use as inspiration for the poetry month project. Selected projects will be displayed in the Public Library during April's National Poetry Month!

Project Summary:

- Display painting or poem (Read poem to the class for younger students)
- Lead a class discussion about the painting or poem.

Questions to ask include: How does it make you feel? What colors/shapes/images come to mind? What is your favorite part of the painting/poem?

1: If you are creating a poem from a painting encourage the children to brainstorm.

ANY style of poem is acceptable - feel free to be creative!

2: If you are creating a project from a poem - have students create a drawing on paper based on their interpretation of the poem. ANY type of project is ok -try to think of a collaborative activity that the whole class can create together - just make sure it is fairly easy to display in the libraries.

*see the attached Butterfly poem project

*see sample poems for all age groups

- Option for students in grades 3-5: Instead of drawing a picture, students in the older grades may choose to illustrate a favorite word or phrase from the poem.
- Playing music in the background helps get the creative juices flowing!
- Be sure students label their artwork with name, school, and grade.
- Have fun!