

Garden Poetry

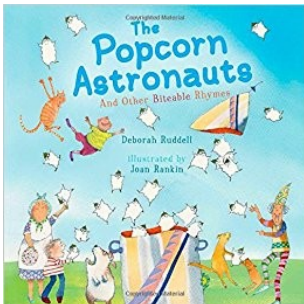
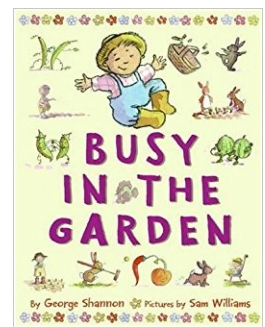
OVERVIEW: The garden is a wonderful inspiration for poetry for all ages. Ask your students to observe the garden in all seasons and write poetry to describe it. Use the garden to teach all forms of poetry: acrostic, alphabet, cinquain, color, concrete, diamante, free verse, haiku, rhyming. Below are a few poetry books about the garden to help get you started.

GRADES: K-5

Busy in the Garden

by George Shannon

Twenty-four short garden poems full of puns, riddles and jokes.



The Popcorn Astronauts: and Other Biteable Rhymes

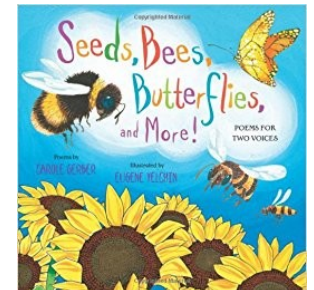
by Deborah Ruddell

A fun collection of 21 poems featuring favorite foods from every season.

Seeds, Bees, Butterflies, and More

by Carole Gerber

These 18 poems for two voices feature a close-up view of plants and insects in the garden.



Handsprings

By Douglas Florian

A book of 29 delightful poems, all about spring. Preschoolers will have fun chanting and acting out the rhyme and repetition; older kids will like all the puns and wordplay.

New Jersey Learning Standards

English Language Arts: K:RL.K.1-10

1:RL.1.1-4,6

2:RL.2.1-7

3:RL.3.1-7

4:RL.4.1-7

5:RL.5.1,2,4,5