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Overview

For this part of the badge the children in teams of two will write some poems. You will give them some ideas for the start of each of them. If you chose to act the play in the document '01B-Short Play' then you can skip this activity.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. The week before you begin this task ask each child to bring in a poem that's already been written. It can be one their parents know or it could be from a book they have at home
2. I've put some poems in this document for you to print out just in case the children forget to bring some in
3. Print out the 'My Poem' handout for each team of two children – found in this document (have some spare)

Materials Needed

- Pen/Pencil for each child
- Your copy of the poems

Preparation At The Meeting

1. None

Leader Speak The Week Before

As part of your Creative badge next week we are going to write our own poem. Before we do this we are going to listen to some poems that have already been written by other poets. Can you all bring in a poem next week that your parents either know or from a book you may have. Don't buy anything special I'm sure we will have plenty to read if you can't do this.

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - Tonight we are going to be starting our 'Creative' badge and as I said last week you have to write a poem which we are going to do tonight in teams of two
2. **Speak** - Has anyone brought in a poem?
3. **Direction** – Select about six to be read out. If no one wants to read their poem then you can read them out
4. **Direction** – Ask the children to listen carefully to try to get an idea of how poems can be written
5. **Speak** - Now you're going to write some poems of your own in teams of two. These can be serious or funny it's up to you
6. **Direction** – Arrange the children into teams of two
7. **Speak** – I'm going to hand out a piece of paper to each team. On this paper I have written four starts to a poem which I want you to finish. I've also written next to each poem the subject it covers. This should make it easier to write. One thing to remember when writing poems is that it's easier to think of a subject first.

Don't worry if you don't finish all four but try to do two. Or if you're feeling very poetic you can just write your own straight away and not use our ideas.

8. **Direction** – If you have many young Beavers you can either pair them with an older child, or get the leaders to give them pointers as they walk round
9. **Direction** – Once the children have written their poems get them into a circle and ask them to read out what they think is their best poem. Again if you have young ones you may want to help them read

Name(s):

Creative Badge

My Poem

POEM ONE

Subject = About A Person

First Line...

There Once Was A Young Man Called Pete...

POEM TWO

Subject = About An Animal

First Line...

If I Were A Mouse...

POEM THREE

Subject = About Me

First Line...

I'm Scoffing Lots Of Chocolate Cake...

POEM FOUR

Subject = About A Situation

First Line...

I Got Up Late For School Today...

SOME POEMS FOR YOU TO READ

My Dog Has Got No Manners

My dog has got no manners.
I think he's very rude.
He always whines at dinnertime
while we are eating food.

And when he's feeling thirsty
and wants to take a drink,
he takes it from the toilet
instead of from the sink.

He never wears a pair of pants.
He doesn't wear a shirt.
But worse, he will not shower
to wash away the dirt.

He's not polite to strangers.
He bites them on the rear.
And when I'm on the telephone,
he barks so I can't hear.

When I complained to Mommy,
she said, "I thought you knew:
the reason that his manners stink—
he learns by watching you."

by Bruce Lansky

My Robot

My robot must rate as my favorite toy,
A wonderful, whirring, mechanical joy.
My robot can talk, but he'd much rather sing,
Or go to the park and play on the swings!

My robot is silver and very astute.
For instance this week he was learning the flute.
My robot's adept at a number of tests,
Like doing my homework or folding my vests!

My robot tells jokes that will tickle your sides,
Or spin a good story and much more besides.
And with a small spanner I always keep handy,
I unbolt his head to store all my candy!

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Herbet

Herbet loves his sherbet when it fizzes on his tongue,
Like a million minute people celebrating with a song!
But Herbert loves it too much and he gulps it far too quick,
So it oozes from his ears and nose and leaves him feeling sick!

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