**Poetry: different types and forms**

| **Free verse** | **Example:**
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| follows no set formula or style. It is totally up to the author, and doesn’t have to follow regular rules of grammar like using complete sentences. Rhyming is optional. | “The Birds on A Cold Night,” By Leila, Grade 3
Cold night
The little birds huddle up close.
The birds, fluffy as a kitten.
Trying to keep warm, the birds snuggle up on a branch.
The branch is small but no bird will fall,
Still trying to keep warm. |

| **Acrostic Poetry** | **Example:**
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| the first letter in each line, when read vertically, spells out the name of something, or gives some other kind of message. | (tree)
Towering
Reaching
Extending
Embracing the sky. |

| **Haiku** | **Example:**
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| is a Japanese form of poetry that consists of three lines: the first has 5 syllables, the second line has seven, and the third line has five again. The third line often contains a surprising or tension element. | Kingfisher
Bird with spiky hair
Hovering over the stream
Does he see the fish? |

| **Cinquain** | **Example:**
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| poems have five lines, and each line has a specific purpose & number of syllables: (1) the title in two syllables (2) a description of the title in four syllables (3) a description of action in six syllables (4) a description of a feeling in eight syllables (5) another word for the title in two syllables | White swan
Large tundra bird
Swims and nests near our ponds
Graceful flight makes me feel peaceful
Qugruk |

| **Windspark** | **Example:**
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| poems have five lines with the following pattern: (1) “I dreamed” (2) “I was...” something or someone (3) where (4) an action and (5) how. | I dreamed of flight
I was a swallow
Riding currents of air
Coming back to my Alaskan summer home
Swiftly |

| **Diamante** | **Example:**
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| poems are diamond shaped and consist of seven lines with the following pattern: noun adjective adjective participle participle participle noun noun noun noun participle participle participle adjective adjective noun | ducks
small, colorful
arriving, mating, nesting egg, baby, juvenile, adult
eating, growing, leaving natural, lively
ducks |