Exploring Poetry Anthology!

Yes, poetry is finally here and it's going to be great! If you've never had fun with poetry before, then fasten your seatbelt — we ARE going to have a great time!

During this unit I want you to have fun and explore different kinds of poetry. If we succeed in doing that (and you turn in your completed anthology), then this unit will be a great success! You should consider the whole project to be part of the publishing stage, so make everything look nice and neat.

Physical Version

This anthology involves collecting your favorite poems by other authors and writing your own poetry. You will collect these poems (you can handwrite them or photocopy them) and combine them into an **organized** collection of some kind, such as a three-ring binder.

Digital Version

For those that want to go digital, there are several good options. Microsoft PowerPoint can definitely work, along with Apple's version called Keynote. There is also an online version called Prezi (www.prezi.com). You could ask your parents to sign up and then get moving.

Here are the guidelines:
1. Pick a theme for your anthology — if you want.

2. In addition, you must also have an **Introduction Poem** (also known as an ***ars poetica*** poem). This is a poem about poetry to start your project: *"How to Read Poetry"* or more creatively, *"How to Eat Poetry."* The idea is to get your reader ready for the anthology in a poetic way! Cool, huh?

3. You must *memorize* or *perform* one of your poems (video, puppet show, dance, etc.)

4. **The anthology itself must have:**
    1. A table of contents
    2. A bibliography - list of the books or websites you used
    3. A creative cover
    4. Numbered pages
    5. Three Sections: Published Poems, Peers' Poems, Your Poems
    6. Choose Bronze, Silver or Gold (your grade is not affected by your choice).

5. **You must read at least 2 poetry books (add them to your reading record).**

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Published Poems	45	35	25
Number of Different Authors	25	20	15
Different Kinds of Poetry	10	8	5
Sources of Poems (Books, Websites, etc.)	7	5	3
Poems From Peers (Publishing Stage)	18	14	10
Your Own Poems (Publishing Stage)	8+1	6+1	4+1
Illustrations / Decorations	24	18	12
TOTAL NUMBER OF POEMS	**72**	**56**	**40**

Happy Poem Hunting!