



## POETRY COMPETITION



Every February, students in K – 6<sup>th</sup> learn to write all types of Poetry. From Haikus, Rhyming Couplets & Cinquains to Quatrains, Limericks, Story Poems etc. Students write as many poems as they like in class, making sure to follow the rules of each type of poetry.

The poems are then submitted to the judges who will judge the poems making sure the rules have been followed, the content has a good flow, and the poem is enjoyable and delightful to the reader.

Every class also memorizes one poem, usually one by penned by a famous poet, like Robert Frost, Walt Whitman,

On the day the winners are announced, all the students gather and each classroom recites their class poem, complete with actions, props etc. Then the individual winners, (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) from each grade level are announced and these students walk up on stage and recite their poems to the applause of all.

Book prizes are given to the winners and pictures taken. All the winning poems are mounted in the hallway for everyone to read. Watch out for Oneonta's Young Poets!

