

POWER LUNCH ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

Poetry Palooza!

Poetry is often analyzed and dissected when really it just wants to be read! Find opportunities during Power Lunch in April to pick up a poem or have your student write one of their own. You can also use poetry to celebrate **Earth Day** and encourage your student to read and write about our planet. To celebrate **El día de los niños/El día de los libros** (Children's Day/Book Day), try our *Reading Opens My World Scavenger Hunt* and combine reading fun with learning about the world.

National Poetry Month

Playing with words and exploring rhythm and rhyme help to build and strengthen kids' reading skills and boost reading and learning fun! Help kids discover the delight of having words dance and tickle tongues when you share stories and poetry full of rhyme.

Look for the Power Lunch display of books for National Poetry Month or try these titles:

Poetry

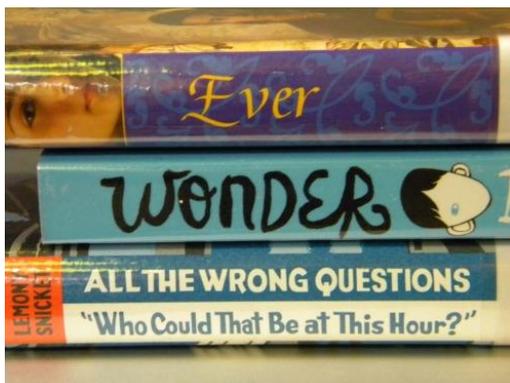
Meet Danitra Brown by Nikki Grimes
Honey, I Love by Eloise Greenfield
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
Arroz con Leche by Lulu Delacre
When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons by Julie Fogliano
Scranimals by Jack Prelutsky (or any of his other many works)

Books in Verse

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
Dear Mr. Rosenwald by Carole Boston Weatherford
Little Cat's Luck by Marion Dane Bauer
Zorgamazoo by Robert Paul Weston
Finding Wonders: Three Girls Who Changed Science by Jeannine Atkins

Book Spine Poetry

Book spine poetry is simple but creates fascinating results. Book spine poetry is a type of found poetry—a poem made up of text taken from different sources—an is playful and low-stress for the poet. Just grab a bunch of books with interesting titles and stack and rearrange them until the titles on the spines make a spectacular poem! When your student is finished creating a Book Spine Poem, ask your school coordinator to take a photo so we can “publish” student poetry.



Poetry for Our Planet

April 22 is Earth Day. Have kids pen their own acrostic poem to Mother Earth. Sharing their thoughts and feelings about the Earth using the power of poetry will further inspire them and others! Your school coordinator will have copies of the below *Earth Day Poem* handout.

Reading Opens My World Scavenger Hunt

Scavenge for books this month! Use the *Reading Opens My World Scavenger Hunt* handout on the next page to go on scavenger hunt around the world through books. Work as a pair to find books that answer the 5 questions and your student to earn a special certificate of participation. Your school coordinator will have copies of the handout and can help guide you towards books that will help answer the questions.

Days on the April Calendar to Explore:

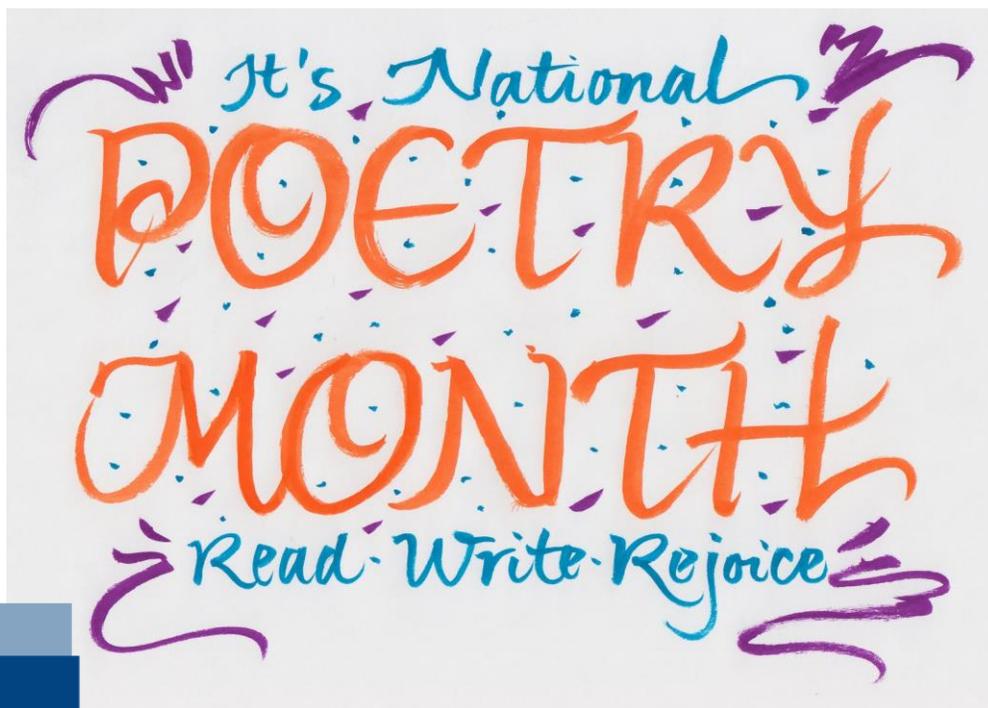
April is National Poetry Month! Visit www.poets.org for poetry and more information.

April is [World Autism Awareness Month](#). World Autism Awareness Day is April 2. Share recommended [Children's Books Featuring Characters with Autism or Asperger's](#).

April 2 is [International Children's Book Day](#).

[National Library Week](#) is April 7 - 13. Many school libraries also celebrate the month of April as School Library Media Month.

April 30 is [El día de los niños/El día de los libros](#) (Children's Day/Book Day). Author Pat Mora is the founder of the April 30 celebration that brings together children books, languages and cultures. Sharing [her books and poems](#) are a great way to celebrate Dia!





Reading Opens My World

Combine reading fun with learning about the world when you celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) with a **Power Lunch Scavenger Hunt!** Reading pairs work together to find (and read!) books that include the themes listed below. These can be new titles you want to try or you can also include books you've read together before. Turn in this completed Scavenger Hunt form at the end of April for a special certificate of participation.

Find a book:	Book Title	Did you read the book? (Y/N)
About a holiday you don't celebrate at home		
Where the main character has the job you want when you grow up		
That explains how something works		
About a place you want to travel to		
Where the characters speak another language besides English		

Name: _____



Earth Day Poem

My Ode to the Earth by _____

Use the first letters of each line to write a word or phrase to create an acrostic poem about how we can take care of our planet.

E _____

A _____

R _____

T _____

H _____