Unit 8: Poetry (3 weeks)

To view the Grade 1 Poetry Unit developed by the Literacy Design Team go to eChalk, My Groups, select Grade 1 ELA Resources

- Analyze student writing to assess whole class, small group and individualized needs.
- Have guided writing groups as a way to differentiate instruction.
- Teachers may have students publish writing using word processing tools such as Word or other online publishing tools.
- Have different types of paper available so students have paper choice for independent writing.
- Interactive writing and shared writing are essential daily balanced literacy components that allow teachers to demonstrate strategies the various strategies students are expected to use in their own writing. While interactive writing is often used to demonstrate conventions (e.g., spacing between words, punctuation, using word wall, stretching out words) shared writing is often used to compose several class texts that model the genre being studied. These class texts are often referred to during follow up minilessons to demonstrate a teaching point.
- Refer to the District Conventions Continuum to determine appropriate convention objectives (punctuation, capitalization, syntax) to teach during the unit. Copies are available in the grade level literacy binders and on the district website http://ww3.mamkschools.org/ela/Units_of_Study.html.
- **To view Grade 1 archived artifacts for the unit please visit the Grade 1 reading/writing page. Select "Resources" from the top nav bar. To access the units of study website use the link http://ww3.mamkschools.org/units_of_study/.**
- To view archived poetry resources (e.g., suggestions for minilessons, mentor texts, celebrations, professional articles) login to eChalk, select Grade 1 ELA Resources, click on folder "Poetry Resources/Blog.
- Chart Chums is a great online resource for creating interactive, clear and visually rich anchor charts. To view use the link http://chartchums.wordpress.com/.
- Additional resources of sample anchor charts for reading and writing units of study include the following: http://readingandwritingproject.com/resources/classroom-charts/first-grade.html.
- To view samples of student writing across genres and grade levels use the link http://readingandwritingproject.com/resources/student-writing/first-grade.html.