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+ Ideas!

- + Practice decoding strategies (D)
- + Improve fluency (F)
- + Increase vocabulary (V)
- + Highlight literary devices & author's craft (LD)
- + Improve speaking (S)
- + Enhance writing (W)
- + Make cross-curricular connections (CC)

+ Poetry Snippets (LD, V)

- + Find poems and songs that highlight specific phonic elements. (D)
- + Practice short vowels by having the students "write" the letter in the air when the poem or song features that particular sound. (F,D)
- + Use repeated readings, choral readings, poetry manipulation, and tape recording to improve fluency. (F)
- + Use poems to stretch minds and build vocabulary. (D,V)
- + Keep an ongoing list of favorite examples of literary devices. (LD)
- + Author's Chair (S)
- + Performance Poetry (S, F)
- + Pattern writing after existing poems (W, LD)
- + Found Poems (W, LD)
- + Use "Diamond Poems" to reinforce science and social studies concepts. (CC)