

Tips for Success with Informational Text...

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Informational Poetry

Students benefit from recasting their learning into a new format, seeing their topic through a new lens, and adding sparkling vocabulary to their communication. A great way to help them do this is to create poems about articles they have read in National Geographic Explorer magazine. Poems can be formatted in a variety of ways including simple list poems, free form poems or alliteration poems. The goal is to create imagery that sparks visualization for the authors as well as the readers, solidifying understanding and ensuring long term memory.

A few examples:

Bubbles
Floating
Flying
Shimmery
Stretching
How long will they last?

Apples Apples, Apples

Crispy, curvy, crunchy apples
Mushy, munchy, monster apples
Yummy, yellow, young apples
Red, rotten, round apples
Apples, Apples, Apples

Owl

Flying
Soaring
Searching
Understanding a hunter
Prince of the forest

Siberian tigers

Threatened by poachers
Endangered
Enduring
Comeback Cats

Survive

Planetary Giant
Fierce tornadoes
Raging Hurricanes
Tremendous Gassy Globe
Jupiter