



# Introduction

During the October 15<sup>th</sup> Kids' Tech University event at Virginia State University, special guest David Neita charged the youth in attendance to share their creativity, innovation and inspiration in the form of poetry after he gave a rousing lecture on Arts in Science.

Without any hesitation, the young people poured their thoughts and ideas onto paper as VSU student volunteers encouraged and empowered them to find and hone their voice.

In 15 short minutes, the following inspirational words were captured and participants read their poems to their peers and parents in an incredible, interactive jam session.

We hope you enjoy these fantastic poems of inspiration. Always remember, science is inspired by creativity and creativity is cultivated by the arts.



*The little bat that couldn't fly*

The little bat couldn't fly  
But his dad said try  
Try. Try.  
So he tried  
And he could fly  
He flied so high he touched  
The sky  
Then he fell down  
All the way to the ground

- Azariah Highsmith

*Spring*

Spring is amazing  
Birds sing, animals are out

I really like Spring

- Will





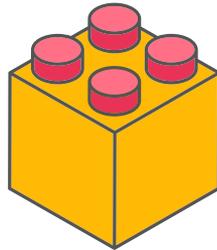
I like coasters, I like them well.  
They are fun, as you can tell.  
I want to become a coaster designer, too.  
I'm going to accomplish that dream  
Nobody can stop me.  
I am going to be the best in the west.  
I will accomplish my dream and  
I believe you can, too.

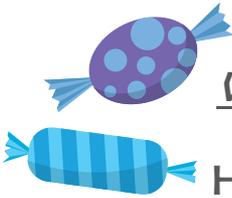
- Giovanni Jackson



**I like to build with Legos**  
**I build cars and trucks**  
**I build fire and police stations**

- Jaden Thornton





Whatever you dream of

Be you and be true  
Have hope in your heart  
So you can have a head start  
Don't have fear  
Let the world know you're here  
Hold your dream tight  
Then everything will be right  
Everything you know  
Can't just let it go  
Don't be mad  
Or don't be sad  
Because at the end  
It's whatever you dream of



- Dakarion



Paying Attention

If you pay attention, you can get something  
So pay attention, then you will  
Have a good life

-Alexander Gunn



Stand up for yourself and everyone else

Never give up

Don't beat them up

Go to the gym

Don't be slim

Eat some Slim Jims

Don't give up

Just stand up

Stand up and put your hands

All the way up

Don't drink hator-ade

- Jamarío Moore



You can shoot  
You can pass  
Just go get the ball  
You don't have to ask

- Author Unknown

The little girl who Couldn't

The little girl couldn't  
Fly  
But mama said  
Try try try  
So she tried  
Then she could fly  
So if she didn't try  
She would not touch the sky  
She grew up to be nice  
And also President Sikes



- Ayriss Sikes



Crab Legs

Oh, I love crab legs, do you?  
I love the flavor, it's seafood, too  
Crabs come from and live in the ocean  
Before cooked, they are dipped in special potion  
Or marinated, in lotion  
So it can be easier to break open  
And so it can be smoother

- Carra Wynn



Animals

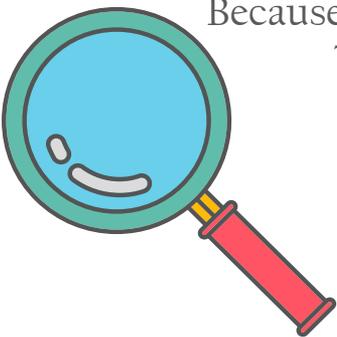
Animals, animals, wild and free  
Ready to pounce and  
Ready to flee  
Tigers as beautiful as can be  
Bats can fly but cannot see  
Animals are very important to me

-Khepera Reed



Let's have a little conversation  
To love your education  
This is your motivation  
To step up  
Don't be afraid to be different  
Who cares  
If the others don't wanna listen  
So step up  
Don't be afraid to be different  
Because then you'll be the one  
That's winning

-Jeremy

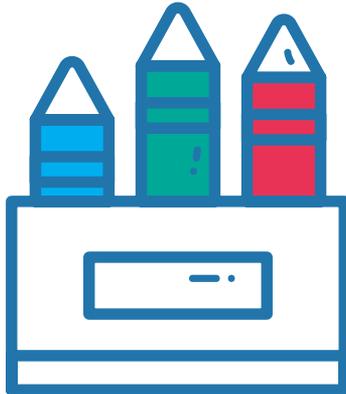


## Art Fun

Before you begin anything  
I want you to start  
It's a fun activity  
And it's called art  
When I lead you the way  
Then I will say  
Come on in and  
Now you can begin

You can draw anything  
You can draw your  
Face, you can even draw  
Two shoes with just  
One shoelace  
Do more, do more  
Don't just do one  
You just came in  
The fun's just begun

- Tyra





Try Again

If you're playing Minecraft  
And a creeper blows up your house don't  
Slam your controller and throw a fit, just  
Build it better and learn from your mistakes  
Or if you're playing with Legos and your house  
Falls over, just build another one. Or if  
You're playing or doing anything, don't accept  
defeat.  
So if you're frustrated from losing to a friend,  
don't  
Get mad. Just try again.

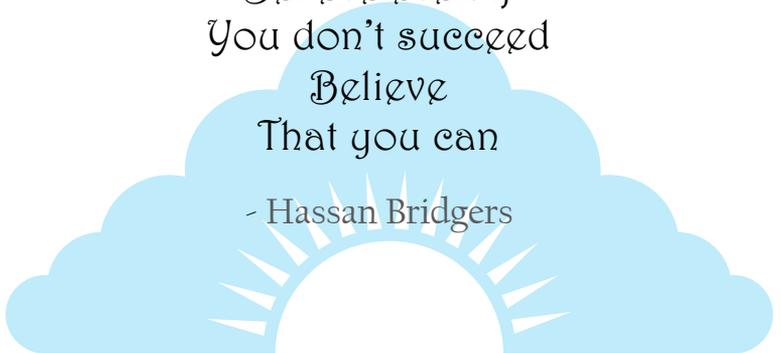
- Hassan Bridgers



Believe

If you want to do something  
You have to believe  
If you want to skateboard  
Or learn to ride a bike  
Believe even if  
You don't succeed  
Believe  
That you can

- Hassan Bridgers





Is there a question that lingers  
On your tongue or your fingers  
A doubt that slips past confident shutters  
A shadow hidden by darkness of others  
Questions of skills, abilities, self  
A mirrored vision revealing somebody else  
Clear your mind of all thoughts  
Hear your own life-blood hum  
Through your ears, through your heart  
Steady beat, sturdy drum  
Then...  
Let it out, let it loose  
Scream, holler, SHOUT!  
Yell 'til your lungs ache  
Until JOY is forced out  
That release is your passport  
Your ticket to thrive  
You're fully aware  
You're here, you're alive  
Now, don't stand flat-footed  
Run away with your hopes  
Take your dreams, embark  
Forget anchors or ropes  
Let cinnamon skies be your alibi  
As you steal every fresh breath of air  
Let tapestried fields offer slumber and space  
For you to repeal every care  
Let no one take what is given to you  
Your eternal capacity to wander  
To beg of your friends, teachers and parents  
For more knowledge, more guidance  
More wonder  
Take on challenge and doubt and fear all the same  
Toss hesitation and pain to the side  
Be inspired to be  
Just be.  
And know you're the greatest of your name alive

- Charlie Nealis



Be a blob  
And sleep, mea

-Dawson Raehn



*The One Dark Room*

There always is a dark room  
They all hold secrets  
What secrets are in a dark room?  
They all are secrets that someone  
Doesn't want to know  
There are over 10,000,000 dark rooms  
What secrets are in your dark room?  
How many are there?

-Terrence Moore

Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
I like to play basketball  
I think it's super cool

-Noah Satterwhite



Beyond  
Infinity and beyond  
I'm never wrong  
I wish I was tall  
All my friends  
I want to stay with them  
For a long time

- Caleb Penn



You are like a flower

You drink water to grow

You are like a flower

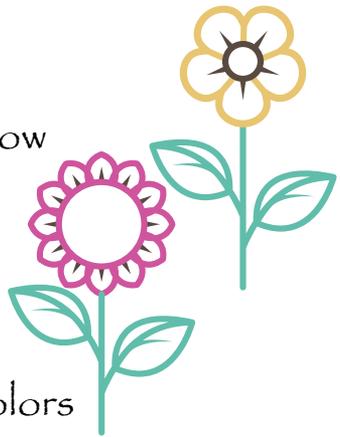
You are beautiful

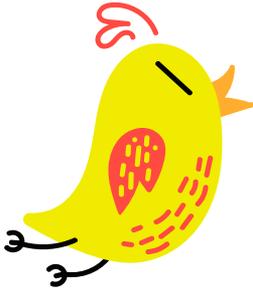
You are like a flower

You have different colors

You have so many things in common

- Renecia Allen



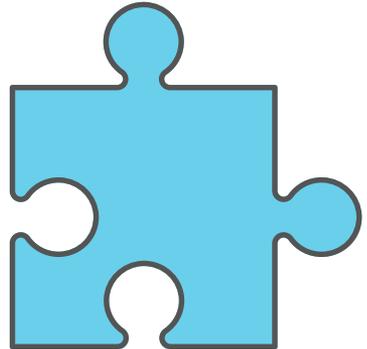


*Dream*  
Dream big  
Dream high  
Dream to fly  
Across the sky  
Dreams can  
Become reality  
Just dream  
To be what  
You want to  
Be.

-Laila Hilton



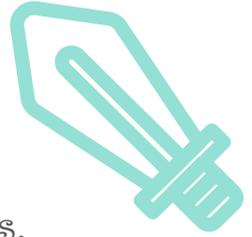
Stand up  
For yourself  
Don't let no one  
Bully you  
Just stand up  
If you see someone  
Getting bullied  
Don't be a bystander  
Be an UPstander  
If someone hatin'  
Tell them  
Drink some hater-ade



- Zhaetwan

Minecraft is fun  
Because you mine  
Craft, attack, build,  
Destroy, kill them  
All creepers, skeletons,  
Zombies, Endermen,  
Silverfish, Endermites,  
Enderdragon, zombie pigmen,  
Blaze, wither skeleton,  
Wither, pigs,  
Cows, chickens, sheep,  
Ocelots, bats.

-Author Unknown



Ice Cream

I love ice cream  
Creamy  
Excellent  
Cold  
Rocky Road  
Edible  
A great desert  
My favorite food

-Tyler VanOpstal

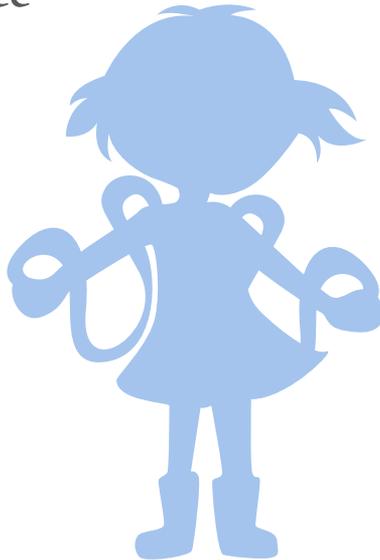


Be a leader, not a follower  
Don't be a follower towards cowards  
Be a leader and ignore cowards

- Dallas Slaughter

For I try hard on my work  
I do the best and it hurts  
But it all pays off in the end  
My mind twists and bends  
Half the time I'm wrong  
But when it's all over and done  
I look to my family and they're all proud  
The expression is always loud  
Then I come to see  
One more day  
Turns out it pays  
Ok to get that  
Extra A

- Ethan Henderson



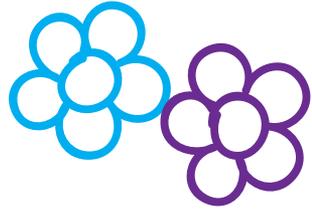


Life is rough but you must  
Stay tough  
As there is no such thing  
As working hard enough  
So every time you take a test  
Be blessed  
That you had the rest  
If you work hard enough you could  
Get the best  
Grade. Just for instance.  
It's like a blade, if you sharpen hard  
And you sharpen tough  
It'll be enough to make a trade  
If you become sick, yes  
There is a trick  
You must choose to lose or cruise  
Or take a snooze. |

- Trayvon



Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
Reading is the best  
I like science, too  
I like building houses for people  
Because I can build whatever in my imagination  
I like the building tools  
I play my PS3  
Racing games  
When I come back from football practice  
I eat a lot  
I'm glad to be in the world



- Kori Abraham

Winter

*Winter is better than fall  
It is the best season of all  
Winter is the best  
Better than all the rest  
I like winter because of the snow  
It is so white...  
This I know*



- Jordan Zagoya

Go to school  
Don't be a fool  
Life is cruel  
My rhymes will make you drool  
STEAM is kinda cool  
Let's break the rules  
Express yourself

- Devin Brown



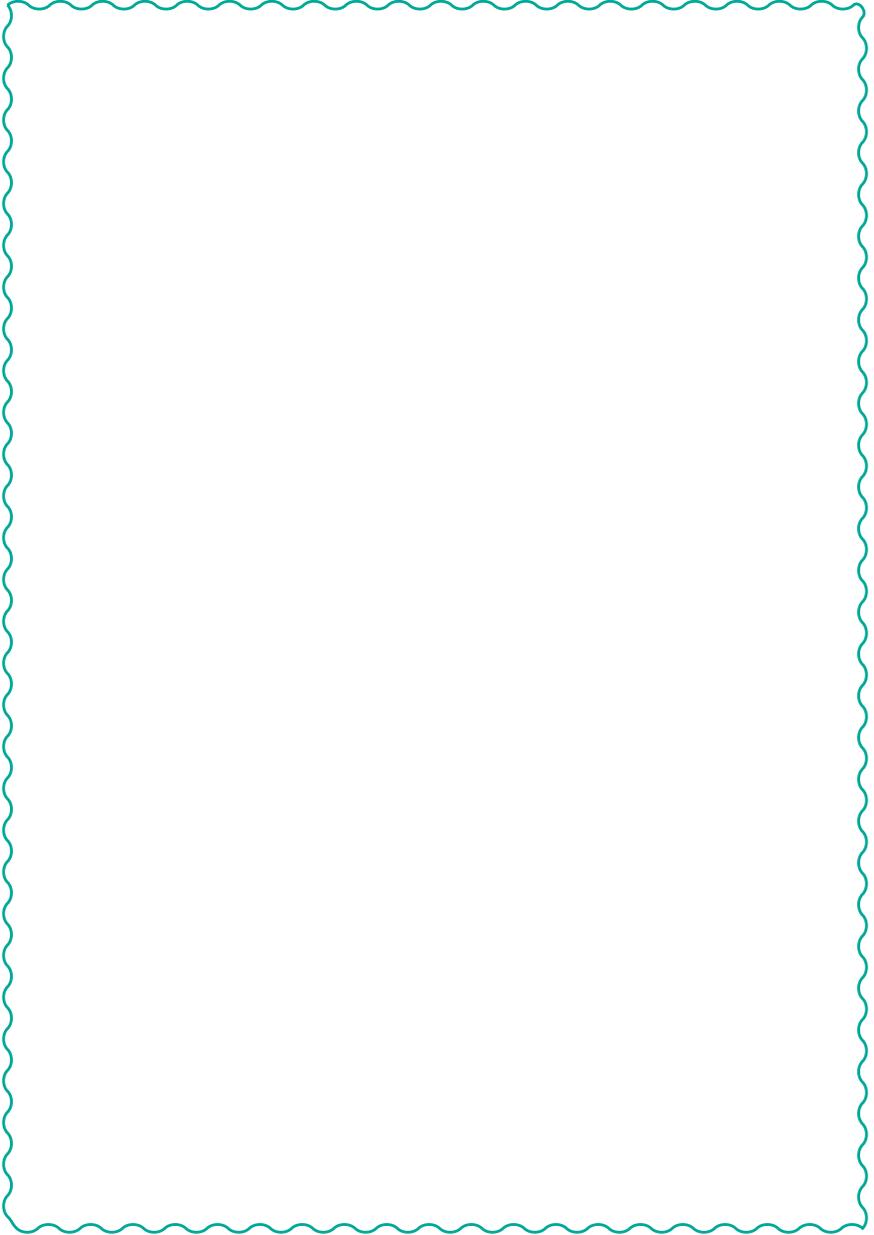
*The Show*

I wanted to go to the show by my mom said no  
I said why  
She said goodbye  
So I cried  
And she left  
I snuck out with my friend Jeff  
even though he was a little deaf

- Chris



*Space for a poem ... by you!*



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