Do you like poems? What kind of poems do you like? Rhyming poems or Free Verses (which means poems that do not rhyme.)

Have you ever read any poem like the ones below?

## **Homework**

Hard to do and sometimes

Overwhelming,

My teacher gives us homework

Every single day!

Writing for hours

**O**r

Reading for hours.

Kids need a break!

Spring is here
Pretty flowers grow
Robins come out more
I feed the birds
New animals are born
Got to find Easter eggs



What is special about the two poems you just read? Yes, you are right. The first letter of each line spells a word. The word is the subject of the poem. Have you heard of the term ACROSTIC POEM?

**Acrostics are** easy to write because they don't **need** to rhyme. Also each line **can** be as long or as short as you want it to be.

## To create an acrostic, follow these five easy steps:

- 1. Decide what to write about.
- 2. Write your word down vertically.
- 3. Brainstorm words or phrases that describe your idea.
- 4. Place your brainstormed words or phrases on the lines that begin with the same letters.
- 5. Fill in the rest of the lines to create a poem.

## Acrostic Poetry An acrostic poem Can be about anything, Really. Of course, some people like to Start each line as a sentence, Though I prefer weaving words into a Creation that is more freeform.

You can write a poem on any topic: people, things, places, etc. This week, try writing 2 acrostic poems on any two characters from *Charlotte's Web*. You could also try to write on any other topic that interests you from your own home.

Don't worry about perfection. Just play with your words and let your imagination have a free run.

## ALL THE BEST!