



Dear First Grade Parents,

As part of our balanced literacy program, we feel it is important to provide opportunities for students to explore and engage with many types of reading, writing, and speaking. Beginning this month, we are offering students an opportunity to learn and recite a poem each month.

Poetry is authentic literature that assists in the development of phonemic awareness, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and oral language. We will offer a choice of varied levels of poetry so students can experience success. We will also provide other learning activities in our daily literacy learning that will reinforce their efforts.

We are asking parents to help their children by letting them practice and recite their poems to you throughout the month. You will want to keep your child's copy somewhere accessible and safe (like a special space on the refrigerator or bathroom mirror, for example). We will assess individually (reciting a simple poem is a district standard for literacy) and also offer opportunities to recite in small groups or pairs when time allows.

Thank you for partnering with us in this learning activity.



Leaves Are Falling All Around

Leaves are falling all around—

Red,

Yellow,

Orange,

And brown.

Twirling, swirling to the ground—

Look how many leaves I've found!

Leaves Are Falling All Around (mixed up)

And brown.

Red,

Twirling, swirling to the ground—

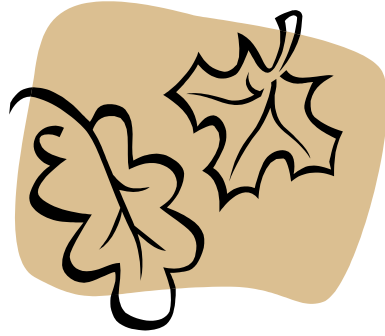
Leaves are falling all around—

Orange,

Look how many leaves I've found!

Yellow,





Leaves Around the Year

In spring the leaves
are clean and bright

They green and grow
in summer's light.

In fall they turn
to red and gold.

Then curl up brown
in winter's cold.

Leaves Around the Year (mixed up)

Then curl up brown in winter's cold.

In fall they turn to red and gold.

They green and grow in summer's light.

In spring the leaves are clean and bright





Fall Leaves

I like the leaves in fall,
I like their colors bright.
Gold and orange, yellow, red—
What a splendid sight!

I like the leaves in fall,
The way they crunch beneath my feet,
Then whisper 'round the driveway
And scooter down the street.

Fall Leaves (mixed up)



What a splendid sight!

I like the leaves in fall,

Gold and orange, yellow, red—

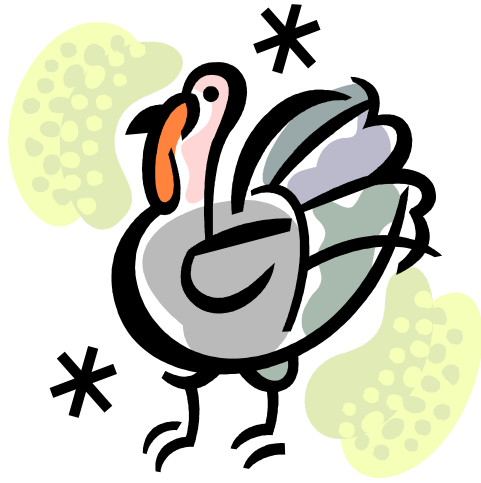
I like their colors bright.

The way they crunch beneath my feet,

And scooter down the street.

Then whisper 'round the driveway

I like the leaves in fall,



Gobble Gobble

When the turkey gobble gobbles,
it is plump and proud and perky.
When our family gobble gobbles,
we are gobbling down the turkey.

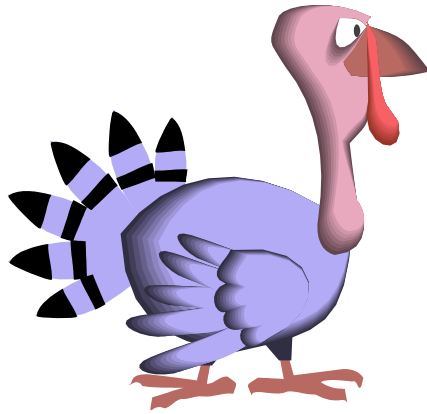




Gobble Gobble (mixed up)



it is plump and proud and perky.
we are gobbling down the turkey.
When our family gobble gobble,
When the turkey gobble gobble,



Little Turkey

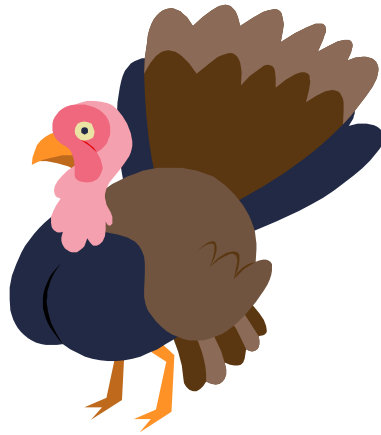
I saw a little turkey
standing by a tree.
It gobbled and wobbled,
then it ran away from me.

Oh, turkey, turkey, turkey
Please come back out and play!
I promise not to eat you
on Thanksgiving Day!



Little Turkey (mixed up)

I promise not to eat you
Oh, turkey, turkey, turkey
on Thanksgiving Day!
It gobbled and wobbled,
please come back out and play!
standing by a tree.
I saw a little turkey
then it ran away from me.

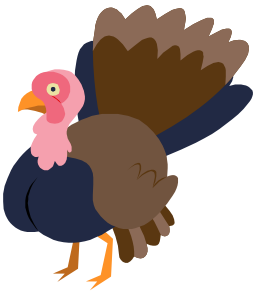


The Big Turkey

The big turkey on the farm
is so very proud.

He spreads his tail like a fan
and struts through the crowd.

If you talk to him
as he wobbles along
he'll answer back
with a gobbling song.
Gobble, gobble, gobble.



The Big Turkey (mixed up)

he'll answer back

**The big turkey on the farm
and struts through the crowd.**

with a gobbling song.

**If you talk to him
as he wobbles along**

is so very proud.

Gobble, gobble, gobble.

He spreads his tail like a fan