

# Wonder Writers: Working with Your Young Writer at Home

## Poetry

### Develop a Love for Words:

Read poetry with your child. Your local library should have a large selection of poetry for children. Shel Silverstein is a favorite, but there are great poems by Langston Hughes, Lewis Carroll and many others that children enjoy.

Think of various ways to describe something. For example, how many words can you think of to describe a balloon or the color red?

Keep a list of favorite words. Try using some of them in your poetry!

### Celebrate Your Child's Poetry!

Type up your child's poem and have them illustrate it. You can have color copies made and send them to friends and family.

Frame the illustrated poem to give as a gift to a grandparent or special person in your life.

**Acrostic Poems** are a simple way for a child to start writing poetry. Simply think of an important word, and then write a line for each letter of that word.

**Cuddly**

**And Soft**

**Tickles me with his purring**

