

August Poetry Choices

Name _____

Directions:

Choose one poem to memorize by the assigned date. Also rewrite the poem in your best penmanship and illustrate it. Recite the poem to the class to receive your speaking grade.

Learning By Judith Viorst

I'm learning to say thank you.
And I'm learning to say please.
And I'm learning to use Kleenex,
Not my sweater, when I sneeze.
And I'm learning not to dribble.
And I'm learning not to slurp.
And I'm learning (though it sometimes really
hurts me)
Not to burp.
And I'm learning to chew softer
When I eat corn on the cob.
And I'm learning that it's much
Much easier to be a slob.

Don't Say Crybaby! By Judith Viorst

Don't say "Crybaby!"
Don't say "Dummy!"
Teasing makes me
Feel so crummy.
Falling down
Can bruise my knees,
But words can hurt
Where no one sees.

There Are Only Two Kinds of "I'm Sorry" By Judy Lalli

There are only two kinds of "I'm sorry,"
With no other kind in between.
There's the one that someone **tells** you
to say,
And the one that you really mean.

Grading Criteria:

- _____ **voice:** clear, loud, minimal hesitation, correct pronunciation
- _____ **fluency:** kept tempo of the poem, paused correctly, used expression
- _____ **eye contact:** looked at the class as the poem was recited

Grading: * = excellent (90%) + = very good (80%) √ = good (70%)

Overall speaking grade: _____

Comments: _____
