

# December Poem Choices

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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.

## That Christmas Feeling

I feel Christmas in the air  
Snowflakes falling everywhere:  
Except in warm and sunny places  
Where snowflakes never show their faces.  
But everywhere the trees are trimmed  
With twinkling lights on every limb.  
They make the homes so happy and bright  
And along dark streets they shine out at night.  
It is a season warm and glowing  
Although outside it may be snowing.  
Whether you live North or south  
In mobile home or manor house,  
You must feel Christmas in the air  
And know it is a time to share.  
And what a season to be jolly  
With Christmas greens and Christmas holly.

## Happy Hanukkah!

Outside, snow is slowly, softly  
Falling through the wintry night.  
In the house, the brass menorah  
Sparkles with the candlelight.

Children in a circle listen  
To the wondrous stories told,  
Of the daring Maccabees  
And the miracles of old.

In the kitchen, pancakes sizzle,  
Turning brown, they'll soon be done.  
Gifts are waiting to be opened,  
Happy Hanukkah's begun.

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

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

Overall grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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