

February Poem Choices

Name _____

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.

A Special Valentine

"It's time to make my valentines,"
To Mother I had said.
"I must have ribbons and I'll need
Some slices of your bread."

"What will you make?" my mother asked;
I did not tell her though.
"You'll be surprised," was my reply,
"But you'll be pleased, I know."

Out to the kitchen then I ran.
And soon I'd finished there
My strange new kind of valentine
That, non the less, was fair,

I hung my valentines outdoors
All tied with ribbons red,
And snowflakes made a dainty lace
For each white heart of bread.

When Mother saw what I had made,
She smiled and said, "How fine!
Now all the hungry little birds
Will have a valentine!"

February Thoughts

When I've been reading stories
Of a long time ago,
I look around at all the friends
And playmates that I know.

I think, "Well, maybe Jim will be
A president some day;
And perhaps people years from now
Will read of Ann or Kay."

Each one of them might render
Some service fine and true;
For Washington and Lincoln
Once were children, too.

And if they grew to be great men
And shaped our country's ways,
We children who are growing now
May serve in future days.

So we who love our country
Should strive each day to be
Wise and worthy leaders
Of the land where men are free.

- ❖ _____ **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 (90-100%) + = very good (80-89%) √ = good (70-79%)

Overall grade: _____

Comments: _____
