

# January Poem Choices

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Sparkling Snow

The steps were covered,  
The sidewalks were, too:  
The roof tops were gone  
Except for the flue;

The bushes were there,  
Just humps on the ground;  
The grass was certainly  
Nowhere to be found;

The little twigs quivered  
On each willow tree,  
And swayed back and forth  
And threw feathers at me.

The window was covered  
With fluffy white flakes  
Like frosting on one  
Of my best birthday cakes.

O what a delight  
To awaken today  
And see sparkling white snow  
In which to play.

## Peter, The Snowman

It would not seem like winter,  
Without a snowman tall;  
I've worked on one all morning,  
With Ted and little Paul.

This is a jolly snowman,  
With such a friendly smile,  
We'll ask you out to meet him,  
In just a little while.

His hat belongs to Daddy,  
His button eyes are blue,  
His bright red scarf and mittens  
Were knit by Cousin Sue.

We're going to call him Peter,  
We'd like to have him stay,  
But sometime when we're all at school,  
He's sure to slip away.

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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 (90-100)   + = very good (80-89)   √ = good (70-79)

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

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

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