

November 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.

The Gifts of Autumn

Autumn is lavish
With frosted nuts
And purple grapes
Where the high field juts

Against the wood
Autumn tumbles down
A wealth of color
On country and town,

A riot of leaves
A harvest of fruit,
Of stalk and seed
And berry and root.

And then when the sudden
Twilight falls,
Autumn's best gift
Is between four walls-

A blazing fire
And a kitten near
And popcorn and apples
And stories and cheer!

A Thanksgiving Dinner

Take a turkey, stuff it fat,
Some of this and some of that.
Get some turnips, peel them well;
Cook a big squash in its shell.

Now potatoes, big and white,
Mash till they are soft and light.
Cranberries, so tart and sweet,
With the turkey we must eat.

Pickles-yes-and then, oh, my!
For dessert a pumpkin pie,
Golden brown and spicy sweet.
What a fine Thanksgiving treat!

- ❖ _____ **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: _____

