

October Poetry Choice

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.

Christopher Columbus

Columbus was a wise man
Who thought the earth was round;
He planned to sail across the sea
Where trading could be found.

Though kings did not believe in him,
And men thought he would fail,
He found one friend, the Spanish queen,
Who gave him ships to sail.

The crew rebelled, the sea was rough
In 1492;
Still this brave man kept sailing on
In spite of sea or crew.

But when they spied America,
They landed with a cheer-
And that is why we celebrate
Columbus Day each year.

On Halloween Night

Let's fly like a bat
On Halloween night
And give our neighbors
A terrible fright!
Or creep through the dark
Like a big, black cat.
And make all our neighbors
Cry, "What was that?"
Or float like a ghost
In the dark midnight air,
And make everyone run
And hide to beware.
Then maybe tomorrow
When the witching hour's done,
We'll give in and tell them
It was Halloween fun!

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: _____

