

GROWING READERS.....Tips and Tricks to Move Readers Forward

April is National Poetry Month!

Here are some ideas to help you celebrate.

- **Poem In Your Pocket** – Select a poem you love, carry it with you, and share it with family and friends.
- **Put a Poem on the Pavement** – Write a poem in chalk on your sidewalk.
- **Memorize a Poem**
- **Recite a Poem to Family and Friends**

For more ideas, visit www.poets.org

Opinion Writing Graphic Organizer

A graphic organizer for opinion writing on a spiral notebook page. It is titled "Opinion Writing:" and contains several sections with dashed lines for writing: "Topic:", "My Opinion (Topic Sentence)", "Reasons:" followed by a list with items 1), 2), and 3), and "Conclusion:".

A graphic organizer for story structure. It features five sections, each with a large, colorful word and a question: "SOMEBODY Who is the main character?", "WANTED What did the character want?", "BUT What was the problem?", "SO How did the character try to solve the problem?", and "THEN What was the resolution to the story?". To the right of each question is a yellow sticky note for writing.

Story MAP

Teach your students the structure of **narrative text** by using a simple retelling organizer after shared reading or read-alouds.



Fairytale Comics by Chris Duffy

Readers will recognize many familiar tales, and learn some new ones.

Focus on Fluency **EARLY** in the Reading Process

Fountas and Pinnell on what should occur at a **LEVEL C**

- **Pointing finger comes out** and eyes take over the process of pointing
- Notice and **use ending punctuation** and reflect it in the voice
- Put words together in **phrases**
- Notice and **use quotation marks** and reflect dialogue with the voice
- Demonstrate **appropriate stress** on words in a sentence

Ask your reading specialist for a copy of the chart "Maintaining Fluency Across the Levels" to see how fluency demands change from Levels A – V.