

## Homework: My Winter Break Poetry Journal

**Goal:** Be a "Word Collector" over the break. You don't have to write full poems—just collect the building blocks!

**Task 1: The Sense Collector**

Find one thing you see, hear, or feel each day and describe it using a "sparkle word" (a strong adjective).

Examples: I saw a shimmering icicle. I heard the crunchy snow.

1.

2.

**Task 2: The "Hidden" Homophone**

Can you find a pair of homophones in your house or outside? Write them here.

- Example: I ate eight cookies.

- My pair: \_\_\_\_\_

**Task 3: The Snapshot (Imagery)**

Pick one moment from your break (like opening a gift, drinking cocoa, or seeing a bird) and describe it in just 3 short lines. Try to use Enjambment (let the sentence spill over the lines!).

Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Recap: Building a Poem**

Keep this in your folder to remember what we did!

**1. What is Poetry?** Poetry is like "language concentrate." Instead of writing a whole page of notes, we pick the very best, most powerful words to tell a story or show a feeling.

**2. New Poetic Tools (The "Poetry Toolbox"):**

- Stanzas: These are the "paragraphs" of a poem. They are like rooms in a house.
- Enjambment: When you let a sentence keep going onto the next line without a period. It makes the poem feel fast and exciting!
- White Space: The empty parts of the page. In poetry, the "quiet" parts are just as important as the words.
- The Volta: The "Big Twist!" It's the moment in a poem where the writer changes their mind or surprises the reader.

**3. Things to Remember:**

- Spelling Matters: In a short poem, every word is important. Watch out for those tricky homophones (like there/their/they're)!
- Break the Rules (On Purpose): You can use fragments or flip your sentences around to make them sound like a song.

**4. Coming Up in the New Year:**

- We're going to read poems by some of the coolest writers in history.
- You'll start your very own Poetry Portfolio (your personal book of poems).
- We'll learn how to perform our poems out loud with rhythm!

*Have a wonderful, relaxing break! See you in the New year for more adventures in writing!*



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