RECITATION SCHEDULE 2025-2026

Students will be required to recite the poems or multiplication facts on the date listed. Recitations may take place throughout that week.

Poetry: Usually, the poetry recitations are at the front of the room. The students are graded mainly on the accuracy of the text but also on speaking voice volume, pace, expression, and stage presence.

Please print at home for your child. We will have some in-class practice, but it is very important that your child practice at home as well.

Multiplication Facts: Students need to have the assigned multiplication facts memorized by the date listed. Students will be tested with randomly ordered flash cards. They should be able to give the correct answer immediately upon seeing the problem.

Recitation Date	Recitation	Notes
	Aug/Sept	
Sept. 8	*For Want of a Nail* (Traditional)	*Poem Attached Below*
Sept. 15	Multiplication Facts 1's & 2's	
	October	
Oct. 3	* *Catch a Little Rhyme* (Eve Merriam)	www.poets.org
Oct. 20	Multiplication Facts 5's and 10's	
	November	
Oct. 27	Multiplication Facts 3's	
Nov. 3	Multiplication Facts 4's	
Nov. 10	*The First Thanksgiving of All* (Nancy Byrd Turner)	A copy of this poem will be sent home with students.
	December	
Dec. 8	*Trees* (Srg. Joyce Kilmer)	*Poem Attached Below*
	January	
Jan. 20	Multiplication Facts 6's	
Jan. 26	* *Dream Variations* (Langston Hughes)	www.poets.org
	February	
Feb. 9	Multiplication Facts 7's	
Feb. 23	*Hiawatha's Childhood (first stanza)* (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)	*Poem Attached Below*
	March	
Mar. 2	Multiplication Facts 8's	
Mar. 9	Multiplication Facts 9's	
Mar. 16	*The Bee* (Isaac Watts)	*Poem Attached Below*
Mar. 30	Prepositions (sung or spoken)	
	April	
Apr. 13	Quote by William Penn	*Quote Attached Below*
Apr. 20	Multiplication Facts 11's	
Apr. 27	Multiplication Facts 12's	
	May	
May 4	Poetry Celebration: Student Choice	Information will be sent home in April in preparation for this celebration.

** We are unable to attach copies of these poems on our website due to copyright laws associated with the poems. Please follow the link beside the poem to download a copy for your child to practice.*

For Want of a Nail

Author Unknown

For want of a nail the shoe was lost. For want
of a shoe the horse was lost. For want of a
horse the rider was lost. For want of a rider the
battle was lost.
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost. And all
for the want of a horseshoe nail.

Hiawatha's Childhood

from The song of Hiawatha by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

By the shores of Gitche Gumee,
By the shining Big-Sea-Water,
Stood the wigwam of Nokomis,
Daughter of the moon, Nokomis.
Dark behind it rose the forest,
Rose the black and gloomy pine-trees,
Rose the firs with cones upon them;
Bright before it beat the water,
Beat the clear and sunny water,
Beat the shining Big-Sea-Water.
There the wrinkled old Nokomis
Nursed the little Hiawatha,
Rocked him in his linden cradle,
Bedded soft in moss and rushes,

Trees
by Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth
is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts
her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear A nest of
robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who
intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

The Bee

by Isaac Watts

How doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour,
And gather honey all the day
From every opening flower!

How skillfully she builds her cell!
How neat she spreads the wax!
And labors hard to store it well
With the sweet food she makes.

In works of labor or of skill,
I would be busy too;
For Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do.

In books, or work, or healthful play,
Let my first years be passed,
That I may give for every day
Some good account at last.

Quote by William Penn

“I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

- William Penn *(1644-1718) British religious leader*