

## Poetry Lesson Planner

The following schedule is an example of a way to build poetry into your classroom and is adaptable for all grades and subjects. You can use the poem readers to guide student interpretation of poems and the poem builders to help students write their own poems. Those resources are at <http://teacher.depaul.edu> in the poems and proverbs section.

Ideally choose a theme for the week such as the importance of hope, meeting challenges, or another theme.

You'll find some poems at <http://teacher.depaul.edu> and many other sources.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>T: Read poem aloud</p> <p>S: Note important words that give the poem meaning—these become your personal words of the week.</p>	<p>S: Read poem aloud</p> <p>Illustrate what the poem says to you.</p>	<p>S: Choose a topic/theme for your own poem—it can be your poem on same topic/theme as this week's poem</p> <p>Plan what your poem will say.</p> <p>List words you will include in it.</p> <p>Draft it today.</p>	<p>Expand your poem.</p> <p>Illustrate your poem.</p>	<p>Poetry "slam" —read your poem aloud with great expression.</p>