

Name: _____ Date: _____ Parent Initials: _____

4th Quarter Poetry Recitation

Please help your child memorize one of the following poems. Initial and return this form to school when your child is ready to recite to the class.

#1 Clouds

by Marchette Gaylor Chute

It's fun to see the clouds go by
When the wind is low.
Like fat and mournful sheep they pass,
Bumpy and wooly and slow.

It's fun to see them change to lambs
When the wind is high,
And trot across the sky's blue grass,
Hurrying to get by.

Small sheep racing across the sun,
Large sheep, fat and slow,
And the shepherd wind that drives them on—
I wonder where they go?

#2 Far Away

Author Unknown

Someone shouts in Annie's ear,
But what they're saying, she can't hear.
Buzzers buzz and school bells ring,
Annie doesn't hear a thing.
Friends can jostle, tug, and pinch,
Annie doesn't move an inch.
"Oooo, here comes a big black bug!"
Annie does not even shrug.
"Fire!" "Earthquake!" "Runaway bus!"
She remains oblivious
Until, at last, with a faraway look,
Annie smiles and shuts her book.

#3 The Grasshopper

by Conrad Aiken

Grasshopper
Grasshopper
all day long
we hear your scraping
summer song
like
rusty
fiddles
in
the
grass
as through
the meadow
path
we pass
such funny legs
such funny feet
and how we wonder
what you eat
maybe a single blink of dew
sipped from a clover leaf would do
then high in air
once more you spring
to fall in grass again
and sing.

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Evaluation Criteria: Meets the standard – 20 points each criteria
Does not meet the standard – 0 points

Posture: _____
Enunciation: _____
Accuracy: _____
Volume: _____
Pacing: _____

Overall Grade: _____