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### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Knoxville Tennessee by Nikki Giovanni

I always like summer best  
you can eat fresh corn  
from daddy's garden  
and okra and greens  
and cabbage  
and lots of  
barbeque and buttermilk  
and homemade ice-cream  
at the church picnic  
and listen to  
gospel music  
outside  
at the church  
homecoming  
and go to the mountains with  
your grandmother  
and go barefooted  
and be warm  
all the time  
not only when you go to bed  
and sleep

#### #2 Eating While Reading by Gary Soto

What is better  
Than this book  
And the churn of candy  
In your mouth,  
Or the balloon of bubble gum,  
Or the crack of sunflower seeds,  
Or the swig of soda,  
Or the twist of beef jerky,  
Or the slow slither  
Of snow cone syrup  
Running down your arms?

What is better than  
This sweet dance  
On the tongue,  
And this book  
That pulls you in?  
It yells, "Over here!"  
And you hurry along  
With a red, sticky face.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_