

Parents,

Your child has been given this Spring is Here poem below to memorize and recite to the class. Please keep the poem in the right side of his/her binder so it can be practiced in class as well. Please initial the bottom when your child is ready, and return it to school. All presentations must be completed by Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. I have added the rubric so you are familiar with how they will be graded.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Rehearsed poem	Shows evidence of multiple rehearsals.	Shows evidence of a few rehearsals.	Has memorized some lines but mainly uses the sheet.	Shows little evidence of preparation. Reads entirely off sheet.
Clarity and pace	Speaks clearly and distinctly all of the time.	Speaks clearly and distinctly most of the time.	Mumbles or blurs words a little.	Does not speak clearly and distinctly most of the time and or mispronounces a lot of words.
Posture	Stands or sits up straight and looks confident and relaxed.	Stands or sits up generally straight.	Slouches or appears casual.	Slouches and appears too casual.
Eye contact	Establishes eye contact with audience during most of presentation.	Establishes eye contact with audience sometimes.	Establishes eye contact with audience a few times.	Establishes little eye contact with audience during presentation.

Parent must sign here when your child is ready to recite their poem to the class: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_/16

## Spring is Here

Spring is here,  
In the air,  
You can smell it coming,  
On the trees,  
Leaves are green,  
Caterpillars sunning.

Birds are back,  
Grass is out,  
Busy bees are humming,  
On the trees,  
Leaves are green,  
Caterpillars sunning.