Color Poems!

Color can surprise us and delight us! Anything can become a celebration of life, a symphony of color. This is the magic of art.

Poetry can possess a similar power to turn ordinary into extraordinary! The portrayal of ideas, images, and feelings can ignite with well chosen powerful words.

You can create powerful images through word choice, metaphors, similes, and personification to unleash the power of poetry for everyone.

The power of color does not just dazzle our eyes, but color is also associated with mental and emotional feelings.

Name a color:

Name emotions, feelings, people, places, seasons, etc. that you associate to this color.
Choose a color for your poem.

Brainstorm all of the emotions, feelings, people, places, seasons, etc. that you associate to this color.

Simile Warm up:

I know _______(color)....
It tastes like____________________
It looks like____________________
It feels like____________________
It sounds like___________________
It smells like___________________
It runs like____________________
It sings like___________________
It dances like___________________
It kisses like___________________

Switch poems with your neighbor. On your neighbor’s poem, circle two similes that you find most striking and give the poem back.

Metaphor Warm up:

I know _______(color)....
It’s noun + modifiers
It’s____________________
It’s____________________
It’s____________________
It’s____________________

Ex.
I know green....
It’s fresh-mowed grass tickling my feet.

What was your favorite metaphor that you used?

Did your metaphors SHOW, not tell, what the color is like?

Personification Warm up:

Imagine your color is alive! What can your color do by itself, to you, to others?

Start the first line of the poem with the name of your color followed by an active verb, and then complete the sentence.

Ex.
Red fire runs around my house knocking my heart Adjustable for the flames.
Personification should create unusually surprising and original images.

Let's hear some of yours!

Example:

Green

I know green...

Green is the child of earth and sun
It always like a youthful athlete
It is tranquility
It is promise
It slithers through jungles and slides down mountains
It tastes like the first day of summer
It is Ireland
It is England
It is fresh green grass tickling my feet
It is a young girl climbing a tree
Green wraps its blanket around the earth
It is springtime
It never forgets us

Green