



I LIKE THE WEATHER Poetry Writing Instructions

Anyone can write (or tell) a poem. There is no right or wrong way, and poems don't need to rhyme. Good poetry paints pictures with words. It helps us feel with our senses and our hearts.

Use the I LIKE THE WEATHER Poetry Writing Frames on the next pages to help your child create their own weather poems.

Before Writing

1. Together, read one of the books from the I LIKE THE WEATHER series.
2. Ask your child to tell you what they like about this type of weather. (Use the discussion guide for more ideas.)
3. Using the corresponding poetry frame, ask your child to draw a picture of themselves, playing in the weather. Creating a picture first will help awaken your child's senses and spark ideas.
4. Once finished, ask your child to tell you all about their picture.

Writing Together

Now use the questions and line starters in the poetry frame to write a poem. Older children can write their own poem. Talk about the questions and let children write their own "I like" lines.

Younger children can "tell a poem."

1. Ask your child the weather questions, one by one, writing as your child responds. Write their words exactly (this is their poem).
2. Prompt children for more with: "What else do you like?"

Here are additional things you can say to help inspire poetry. "Think of all the things you like about this weather. Think of what you see and hear and feel. Think of how you love to play."

Share

When your child's lines are finished, read the poem aloud together. Tell them how beautifully they write. Ask: "Is there anything else you want to add?" Make additions. Read aloud again. Then publish the poem on the refrigerator or art wall.



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I like the **RAIN** Poetry Writing Frame by Sarah Nelson

How do you feel when you are playing in the rain? Draw a picture of you and the rain.



Now write an **I Like the Rain** poem. Here are some questions to help you get started.

What is beautiful about rain? How do raindrops feel on your skin? Does rain have a taste or a smell? How do you like to play on a rainy day?

I like the rain.

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like the rain.

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like the rain.



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How do you feel in the sunshine? Draw a picture of you and the sun.



Now write an *I Like the Sun* poem. Here are some questions to help you get started. What is beautiful about sunshine? How does sunshine feel on your skin? Why does the sun make you happy? How do you like to play in the sun?

I like the sun.

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like the sun.

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like the sun.



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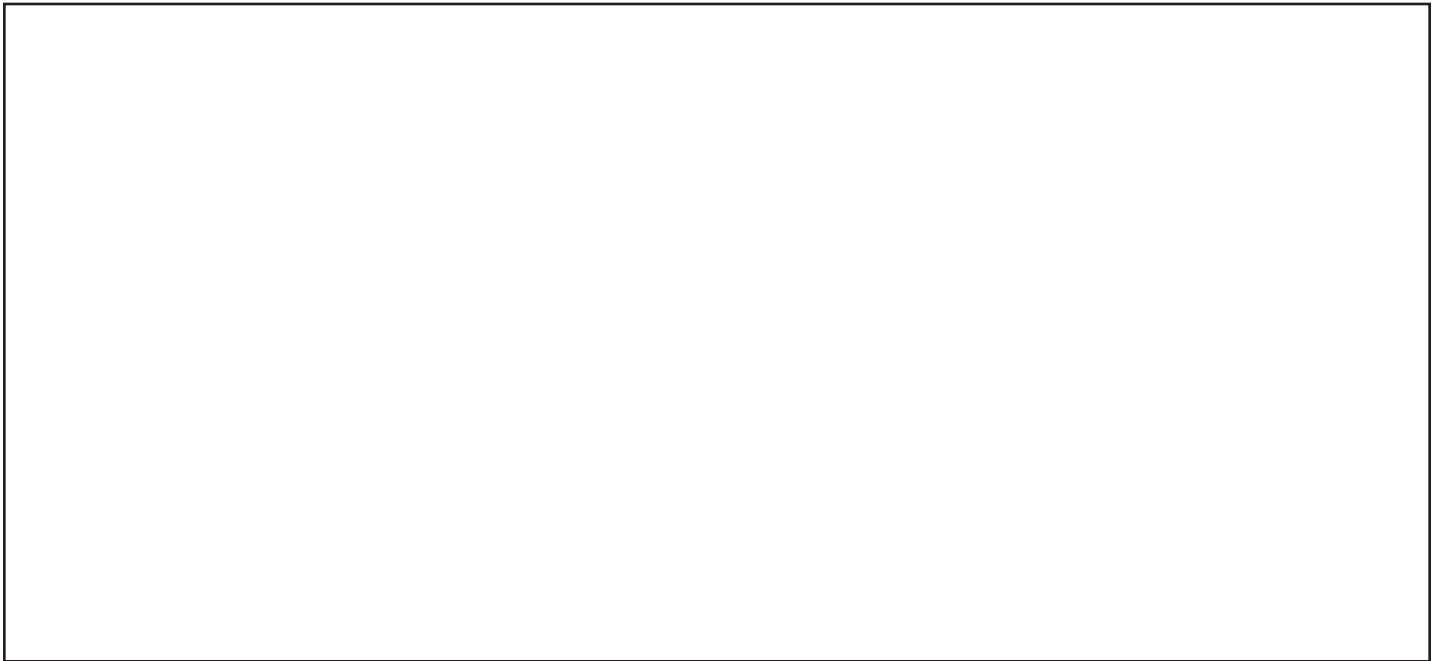


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I like the **WIND** Poetry Writing Frame by Sarah Nelson

How do you feel on a windy day? Draw a picture of you and the wind.



Now write an **I Like the Wind** poem. Here are some questions to help you get started.

What do you love about a windy day? How does wind feel? What does wind sound like?

What are your favorite ways to play on a windy day?

I like the wind.

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like the wind.

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like the wind.



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How do you feel when you are outside in the snow? Draw a picture of you and the snow.



Now write an **I Like the Snow** poem. Here are some questions to help you get started. What is beautiful about snow? How do snowflakes feel on your face? Does snow have a taste or sound? How do you like to play in the snow?

I like the snow.

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like the snow.

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like _____ .

I like the snow.



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