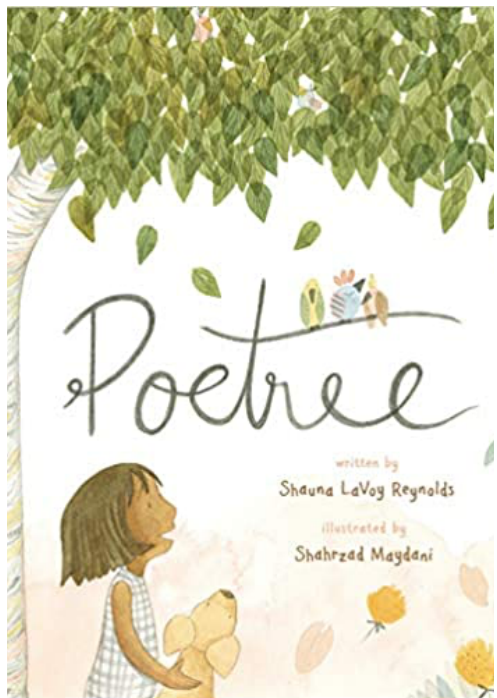


POETREE AND POETRY

Everyone can be a reader and writer.

Listening and speaking helps us explore, share, and develop our ideas.

Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.



*White birch on the hill
Speaks out loud through rustling leaves
Great green Poetree*

GATHER MATERIALS

- Your Writer's Notebook or piece of paper
- A pencil or any other writing tool

READ, THINK, WRITE

- Read along with Poetree
- Think about the word choices the author has made. In your Writer's Notebook write down one of your favourite poems in the book. What did you like about the words or phrases of the poem you chose?
- Notice how many syllables are in each line of the Ninja Star poem:
I've wondered a while (5)
Can a tree and child be friends (7)
Your words give me hope (5)
- This 3-line poem is called a Haiku.
- Create your own Haiku poem about your favourite season or write one for a tree "friend" in your neighbourhood!
Remember to use descriptive words that paint a picture in the readers mind.

WRITE AND DRAW EVERYDAY!

Remember to use your Writer's Notebook daily to record:

- ideas for POEMS, stories or non-fiction
- drawings and descriptions of characters or topics
- words you've collected that you find interesting
- beginning or endings you like
- wonderings...do you have a question for the author?

GO BEYOND

Read along with other books about our Tree friends. How might you be a friend to trees? How might you learn their names?

- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- Trees by Verlie Hutchens
- The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

Try drawing a variety of creative trees in different ways with Tree Doodles. Create your own tree doodles!