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TIP SHEET WORKSHOP# 3

1. TOPIC, CHALLENGE OR QUESTION TO BE ADDRESSED

To inform parents on how to help their kids enjoy creative expression with words

2. KEY WORDS/GLOSSARY (with definitions)

- **Expression** – the act of making your thoughts, feelings known by speech, writing or some other method
- **Imagination** – ability to form a picture in your mind of something that you have not seen or experienced
- **Freedom** – the absence of necessity, coercion or constraint in choice or action
- **Language** – the system of words or signs that people use to express thoughts and feeling to each other

1. RELEVANT FACT/RESEARCH/STATISTICS (within current year).

Research has shown that poetry motivates children to read, builds phonemic awareness and builds essential skills like vocabulary, fluency, expression, and writing. Each of these is crucial for children to develop in order to become strong readers.

4. REFERENCES

- <https://kidsreadnow.org/2017/04/24/three-ways-poetry-improves-childrens-literacy/>
- <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/kids-poems/>
- <https://proudtobeprimary.com/reasons-teach-poetry-classroom/>

5. TIPS/STRATEGIES/SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- Allow your child to be expressive
- Let their imagination flow
- Encourage them to know no boundaries
- Support them to share their work enthusiastically

6. RESOURCES

The New York Public Library has many events scheduled for National Poetry Month in April

<https://www.nypl.org/events/classes/calendar?keyword=poetry&location=&topic=&audience=&series=>

Poem in Your Pocket Day is held on Wednesday, April 24. People throughout the United States select a poem to carry in their pocket and share throughout the day or on Twitter.

The **Constance Laibe Hays Children's Room at Poets House**, 10 River Terrace, Battery Park City in Manhattan provides opportunities for children to experience poetry and participate in creating poetry, art, music, and dance.

Visit the New York City Poetry Festival on Governors Island in **July** <https://www.newyorkcitypoetryfestival.com/>