



## 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Term 4 Poems

Poems are to be practiced at home. Please have your poem ready on the date it's due.

### **The Steam Shovel**

The steam digger  
is much bigger  
Than the biggest beast I know.  
He snorts and roars  
Like the dinosaurs  
That lived long years ago.

He crouches low  
On his tractor paws  
And scoops the dirt up  
With his jaws;  
Then swings his long  
Stiff neck around  
And spits it out  
Upon the ground...

Oh, the steam digger  
Is much bigger  
Than the biggest beast I know.  
He snorts and roars  
Like the dinosaurs  
That lived long years ago.

-by Rowena Bastin Bennett

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### **Ground Hog Day**

Ground Hog sleeps  
All winter  
Snug in his fur,  
Dreams  
Green dreams of  
Grassy shoots,  
Of nicely newly nibbly  
Roots –  
Ah, he starts to  
Stir.  
With drowsy  
Stare  
Looks from his burrow  
Out on fields of  
Snow.  
What's there?  
Oh, no.  
His shadow. Oh,  
How sad!  
Six more  
Wintry  
Weeks  
To go.

-by Lilian Moore

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### **The Library**

It looks like any building  
When you pass it on the street,  
Made of stone and glass and marble,  
Made of iron and concrete.  
But once inside you can ride  
A camel or a train,  
Visit Rome, Siam or Nome,  
Feel a hurricane,  
Meet a king, learn to sing,  
How to bake a pie,  
Go to sea, plant a tree,  
Find how airplanes fly,  
Train a horse, and of course  
Have all the dogs you'd like,  
See the moon, a sandy dune,  
Or catch a whopping pike.  
Everything that books can bring  
You'll find inside those walls.  
A world is there for you to share  
When adventure calls.

You cannot tell its magic  
By the way the building looks,  
But there's wonderment within it,  
The wonderment of books.

-by Barbara A. Huff

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Animation will help you to get your best score. Please plan to use some kind of prop, picture, actions, and intonation in your voice!