

# 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Term 5 Poetry

Remember to practice at home! Thanks.

## **Green Stems**

Little things that crawl and creep  
In the green grass forests,  
Deep in their long-stemmed world  
Where ferns uncurl  
To a greener world  
Beneath the leaves above them;  
And every flower upon its stem  
Blows above them there  
The bottom of a geranium,  
The back side of a trillium,  
The belly of a bumblebee  
Is all they see, these little things  
Down so low  
Where no bird sings  
Where no winds blow,  
Deep in their long-stemmed world.

-by Margaret Wise Brown

## **Who Hath a Book**

Who hath a book  
Hath friends at hand,  
And gold and gear  
At his command;  
And rich estates,  
If he but look,  
Are held by him  
Who hath a book.

Who hath a book  
Hath but to read  
And he may be  
A king, indeed.  
His kingdom is  
His Inglenook -  
All this is his

Who hath a book.

-by Wilbur D. Nesbit

## **Waiting at the Window**

These are my two drops of rain  
Waiting of the window-pane.

I am waiting here to see  
Which the winning one will be.

Both of them have different names.  
One is John and one is James.

All the best and all the worst  
Comes from which of them is first.

James has just begun to ooze.  
He's the one I want to lose.

John is waiting to begin.  
He's the one I want to win.

James is going slowly on.  
Something sort of sticks to John.

John is moving off at last.  
James is going pretty fast.

John is rushing down the pane.  
James is going slow again.

James has met a sort of smear.  
John is getting very near.

Is he going fast enough?  
(James has found a piece of fluff.)

John has hurried quickly by.  
(James was talking to a fly.)

John is there, and John has won!  
Look! I told you! Here's the sun!

-by A. A. Milne

**Remember to practice using some kind of prop,  
picture, action or animation that helps your  
poem to POP!**