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# The Big Collection of Poems to Read and Remember



**A comprehensive collection of poetry for Kindergarten/Grade 3  
that the students will enjoy reading and memorizing**



Most of the poems are very old and have been in primary classrooms for many years, and often have been changed and edited by teachers. Some are very old and are past copyright restrictions.

I have searched for authors, but if you know of any - please let me know and the poem will be immediately removed.

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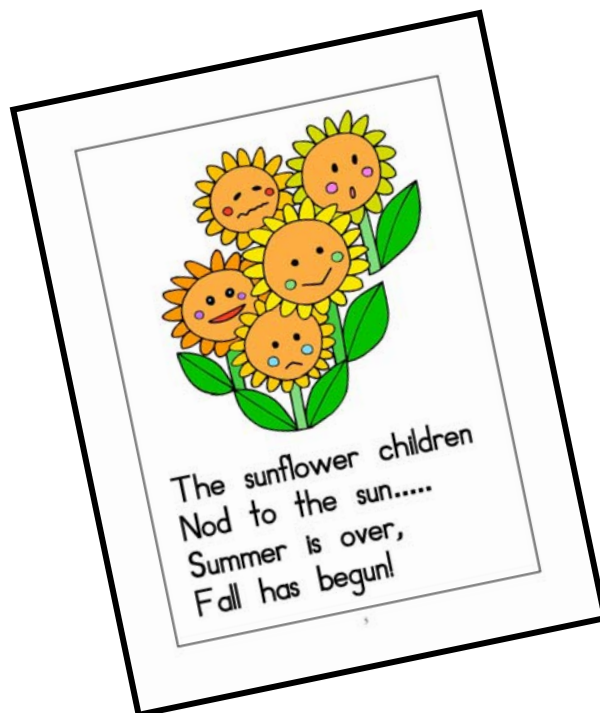
# Using the Poems

Memorizing poetry is an excellent exercise. It improves auditory memory skills, increases vocabulary and teaches rhyme and rhythm.

## Using the colour page....

This book has the black and white page for photocopying, and a colour page that can be used in a variety of ways.

- Enlarge and print the coloured page for teaching the poem. The colourful graphics will make the poem more appealing.
- The regular page sized coloured poems make a wonderful; bulletin board. Add each one as it is taught - the students will spend time reading and re-reading the poems when they 'read the room' or in free time.
- Make up books of the poems that you teach in colour for each month or season. These are great additions to your classroom library.





## Teaching the poems.....

- You may want to teach the poem orally and then introduce the page.
- Put the words up on a chart and have the children follow the words with a pointer. Then they can do the same with the words on their own page.
- Find familiar words in the poem and circle or underline them.
- Find word patterns and sound patterns in some poems. Teach the rhyming words and similar word endings, if applicable.
- Use the poem as a phonics review as you discuss the words.
- Teach unfamiliar sight words that are in the poem.
- Practice reading fluency. Read the poem individually, with a buddy, and as choral speaking with the group.
- Make two charts of the words and cut one apart into phrases. Have the children re-assemble the cut-up poem in a pocket chart.
- Make up individual poem books, adding each poem as it is learned. Use a duotang or a binding machine. Let the children read these during silent reading times or with a partner.
- Put a permanent copy of the poems learned into the class library in book form.
- The poem or poem books can go home to be part of the home reading program.
- Enlarge the poem page as large as your photocopier can make it. Use these small charts in a center, for 'read-the-room' or as a bulletin board the children will delight in reading.
- Short poems can be used for printing practice.
- Reciting poetry can be a good filler when you have a few free minutes.
- Use poems with your themes.
- Recite poems when parents visit, and poems can also be used in concerts.

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## A Smile

You cannot give a smile away  
No matter what you do.  
Every time you give me one  
I'll give it back to you!



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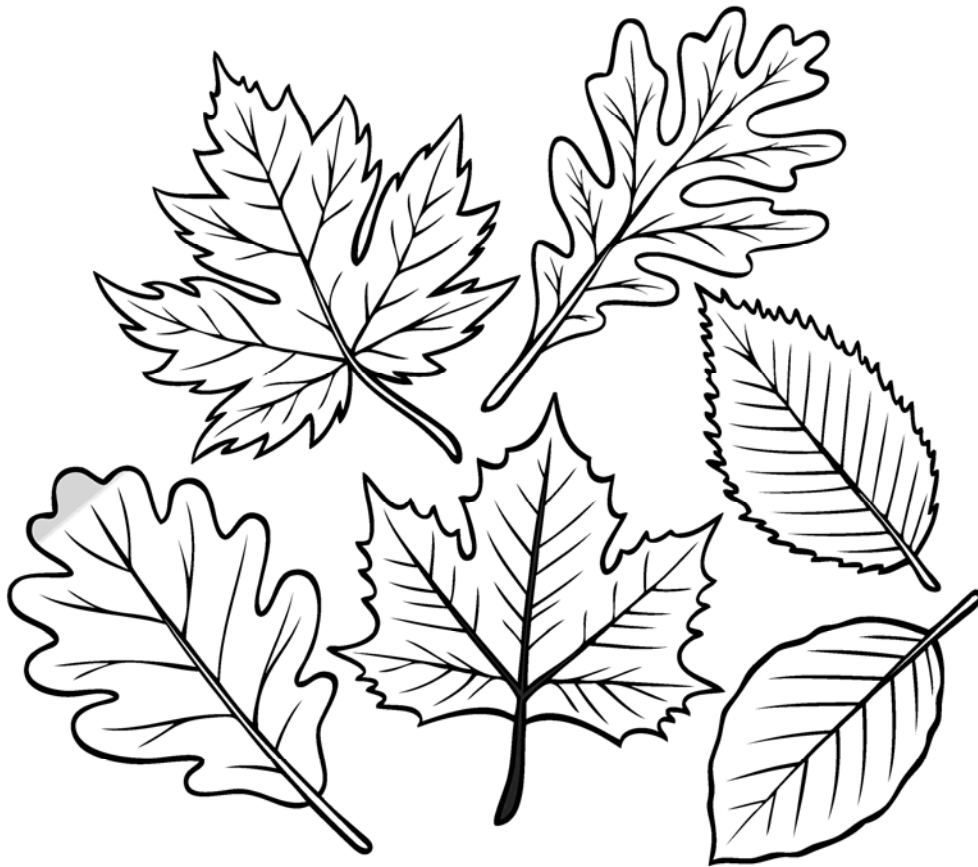
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# September

The month is September,  
With leaves all around.

All red and yellow  
And orange and brown.



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# October

Leaves falling,

Pumpkin patch.

Ghosts and goblins,

Scary masks.



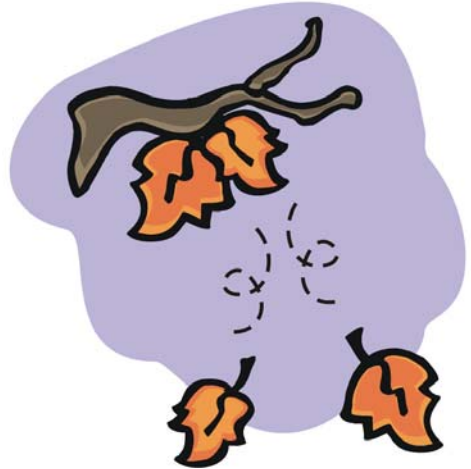
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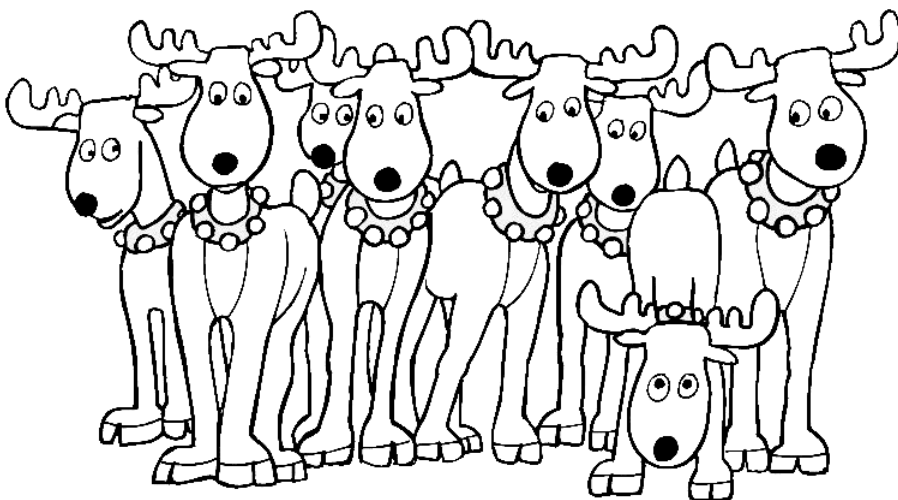
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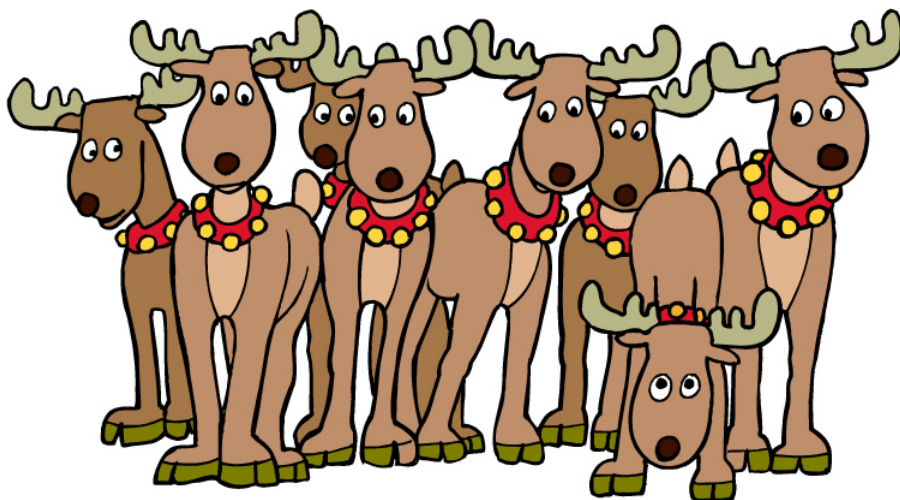
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Come Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen."  
Santa said, "I've counted to eight.  
We need to go. We can't be late!  
It's very dark this Christmas Eve night.  
We need someone to carry a light.  
Rudolph, of course you'll be fine.  
Now my reindeer number nine."

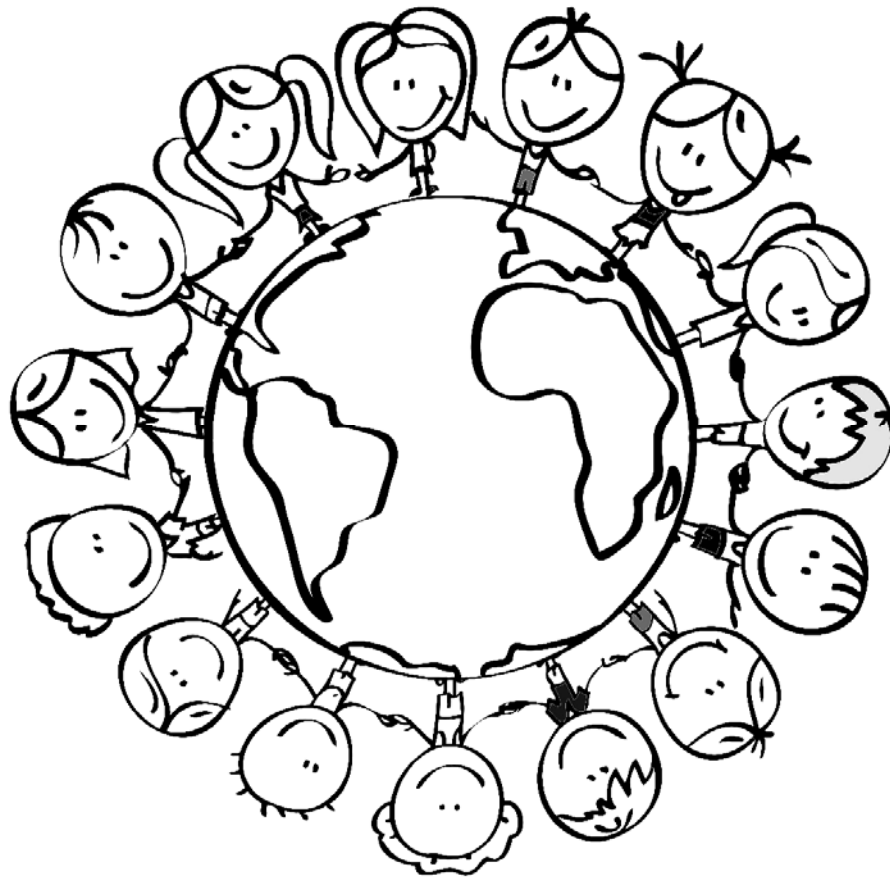




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It's the only one we've got.



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Five little frisky frogs

Hopping on the shore.

One hopped into the pond -

S P L A S H !

So then there were just four.

Four little frisky frogs

Climbing up a tree.

One fell into the grass -

B O O M !

So then there were just three.

Three little frisky frogs

Bathing in the dew.

One caught a sneezy cold -

A H H C H O O !

So then there were just two.

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Sleeping in the sun.

One slept the day away -

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So then there was just one.

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Let's call his four friends back -

Y O O - H O O !

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