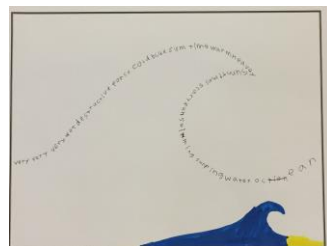
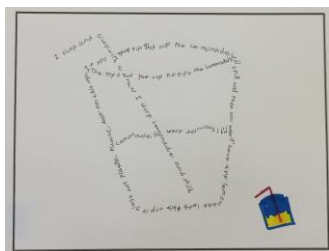




CONCRETE POEMS

Concrete poems form a picture using words. Children enjoy concrete poems because of their outcome and also because they can write ANYTHING. In addition, they don't have to worry about complete sentences or punctuation.



Here's the lesson!

1. First, children choose an image from the samples below. OR, they can draw their own simple image on a clean piece of white paper. They can use a black marker to make wide lines.
2. Second, print out the image and place it under a piece of white copy paper.
3. Next, the child writes words where the black lines show through. Wherever there is a line, children should write words, phrases or sentences about the image.

4. For example, over the fireworks, children might write any or all of the following over the lines:

Loud, colorful, huge, bright, July 4th, 1776, crowds of people watching, oohs and ahhs, blue, red, white. Fireworks celebrate Independence Day in the United States of America. Families sit on blankets outside. Picnics, music, friends.

5. Finally, children can add stickers, use markers to draw or even paint around the concrete poem to add color and charm.



