

Recommended Reading Poetry

101 science poems & songs for young learners: with hands-on activities / By Meish Goldish. New York: Scholastic Professional Books: 1996. WWL call number 271315 Kids
One hundred one science poems and songs for young learners. For children in grades 1 - 3.

Cajun night after Christmas / By Jenny Jackson Moss and Amy Jackson Dixon. Gretna, LA: Pelican Pub. Co.: 2000. WWL call number 271279 Kids
In this narrative poem told in Cajun dialect, Pierre the alligator is left behind in the bayou after helping Santa pull his skiff on Christmas Eve. Illustrated by James Rice. For children in grades Preschool-3.

Cajun night before Christmas / By Jenny Jackson Moss. Gretna, La: Pelican Publishing Co.: 2001. WWL call number 271278 Kids
This Cajun-dialect version of "The Night Before Christmas" has St. Nick dressed in muskrat and his sled pulled by alligators! A celebration of the holidays on the Bayou. For children in grades Preschool-3.

Fine Feathered Friends: Poems for Young People / By Jane Yolen. Honesdale, Pa.: Boyds Mills Press: 2004. WWL call number 281379 Kids
Fourteen original poems side by side with intimate photographs of each bird inspire the reader to investigate the habits of birds. For children in grades K-3.

In The Swim: poems and paintings / By Douglas Florian. San Diego: Harcourt, Inc.: 1997. WWL call number 281298 Kids
Water-dwellers from salmon to manatees are featured in another wonderful Douglas Florian creation full of poetry and delightful illustrations. For children in grades Preschool-3.

Insectlopedia: poems and paintings / By Douglas Florian. San Diego: Harcourt Brace: 1998. WWL call number 281297 Kids
Presents twenty-one short poems about such insects as the inchworm, termite, cricket, and ladybug. CCBC Choices, 1998. For children in grades 3 - 6

Lizards, Frogs and Polliwogs / By Douglas Florian. San Diego, Calif.: Harcourt, Inc.: 2001. WWL call number 281291 Kids

Florian's 21 rhyming poems about herps are "toadally" delightful and are an ingenious way to instruct about the natural world. For children in grades K-4.

Song for the Whooping Crane / By Eileen Spinelli. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers: 2000. WWL call number 281293 Kids

A poetic celebration of the whooping crane, one of the rarest birds in North America. Illustrated by Elsa Warnick. For children in grades Preschool - 3

Song of the water boatman: & other pond poems / By Joyce Sidman. Boston: Houghton Mifflin: 2005. WWL call number 071167 Kids

A collection of poems that provide a look at some of the animals, insects, and plants that are found in ponds, with accompanying information about each. For children in grades K - 5.

Winter eyes: poems & paintings / By Douglas Florian. New York: Greenwillow Books: 1999. WWL call number 030759 Kids

A collection of poems about winter, including "Sled," "Icicles," and "Ice Fishing." CCBC Choices, 2000. For children in grades 3 – 6.