

month - by - month  
POEMS

a series of thematic poems for your  
classroom year round

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# September



In September for a while  
I will ride a crocodile  
Down the chicken soupy Nile  
Paddle once, paddle twice  
Paddle chicken soup with rice.

## Welcome to Our Classroom

(Tune: Sing a Song of Sixpence)

Welcome to our classroom,  
Come in and sit right down.

We are all together,

Take a look around.

Here inside our classroom

There's lots to see and do.

I am happy being here

And making friends with you!



## Way Up High in the Apple Tree



Way up high in the apple tree

Two little apples smiled at me.

I shook that tree as hard as I could.

Down came the apples.

Mmmm, were they good.



## Even and Odd

There was a farmer

Who had a dog

And EVEN was his name-o.

2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (say 3x)

And EVEN was his name-o!

There was a farmer

Who had a dog

And ODD was his name-o.

1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (say 3x)

And ODD was his name-o!

## Loose Tooth

I have a loose tooth, a wiggly, jiggly loose tooth.  
I have a loose tooth, hanging by a thread.



So I pulled my loose tooth, this wiggly, jiggly loose tooth.  
And put it beneath my pillow and then I went up to bed.

And fairy took my loose tooth, my wiggly, jiggly loose tooth.  
So now I have some money and a hole in my head.

## October



In October I'll be host  
to witches, Goblins and a ghost  
I'll serve them chicken soup on toast  
Whoopy once, whoopy twice  
Whoopy chicken soup with rice.

## Doubles Rap

It's the doubles baby,  
Let's go, Let's go.  
It's the doubles baby,  
And we start with zero.

$0+0=0$	Oh!
$1+1=2$	Oooh!
$2+2=4$	More!
$3+3=6$	Kicks!
$4+4=8$	That's great!
$5+5=10$	Again!
$6+6=12$	That's Swell!
$7+7=14$	Let's Lean!
$8+8=16$	That's Keen!
$9+9=18$	Jelly Bean!
$10+10=20$	That's Plenty!

## Fire Safety Week Song

(Sung to: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Listen now, this is no joke,  
Before a fire, there's always smoke,  
If you smell it, go outside,  
Never find a place to hide,  
Stay down low and crawl away,  
Fire trucks are on the way.



## Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.  
The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late!"  
The second one said, "There are witches in the air."  
The third one said, "But we don't care."  
The fourth one said, "Let's run, let's run!"  
The fifth one said, "Isn't Halloween fun?"

Then... Woooooo went the wind  
And OUT went the lights.  
And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.



## November



In November's gusty gale  
I will flop my flippy tale  
and spout hot soup  
I'll be a whale!  
Spouting once, spouting twice  
Spouting chicken soup with rice.

## Scarecrow, Scarecrow Energizer

(Tune: Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear)

Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the ground.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, stretch up high.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, blink your eyes.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, bend so low.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch your toe.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, nod your head.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, go to bed!



## Continent Song

(Tune: Are You Sleeping?)

North America

South America

Europe

Asia

Africa

Australia

Don't forget Antarctica

North Pole

South Pole

Equator

(Hold up left hand)

(Touch left knee)

(Nose)

(Right hand)

(Middle- equator)

(Right knee)

(Feet)

(Top of head)

(Touch feet)

(Hands around waist)

## Thanksgiving

T is for the trust the pilgrims had so many years ago.  
H is for the harvest the settlers learned to grow.  
A is for America, the land in which we live.  
N is for nature and beauty which she gives.  
K is for kindness, gentle words, thoughtful deeds.  
S is for smiles, the sunshine everyone needs.  
G is for gratitude...our blessings great and small.  
I is for ideas, letting wisdom grow tall.  
V is for voices, singing, laughing, always caring.  
I is for Indians, who taught them about sharing.  
N is for neighbors, across the street, and over the sea.  
G is for giving of myself to make a better me.



## December



In December I will be  
A baubled, bangled Christmas tree  
With soup bowls draped all over me  
Merry once, merry twice,  
Merry chicken soup with rice.



## **Holiday Cheer Energizer**

(Tune: We wish you a Merry Christmas)

**Let's all do a little clapping  
Let's all do a little clapping  
Let's all do a little clapping  
and spread Holiday cheer!**

Repeat with other actions: Twisting, Hopping, Bending

## **Snowball**

by Shel Silverstein



**I made myself a snowball  
As perfect as could be.  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet  
And let it sleep with me.  
I made it some pajamas  
And a pillow for its head.  
Then last night it ran away,  
But first- it wet the bed...**

## I'm A Little Snowman

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)



I'm a little snowman,  
Short and fat.  
Here is my nose  
And here is my hat.  
When the sun comes out,  
I melt away.  
But when it's cold,  
I'm here to stay!

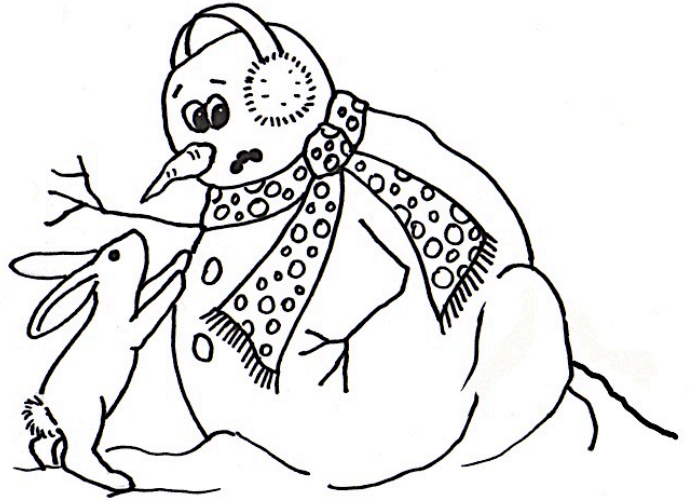
## January



In January it's so nice  
while slipping on the sliding ice  
to sip hot chicken soup with rice  
Sipping, once, sipping twice  
Sipping chicken soup with rice.

## A Chubby Snowman

A chubby little snowman  
Had a carrot for a nose.  
Along came a bunny  
And what do you suppose?  
That funny little bunny  
Was looking for his lunch.



So he ate the snowman's nose,  
Nibble, nibble, crunch!

Nibble, nibble...nibble, nibble...nibble, nibble... **CRUNCH!**

## Five Little Penguins

Five little penguins sitting on the ice.

The first one said, "Oh I feel nice."

The second one said, "I see a chick."

The third one said, "Run away, quick."

The fourth one said, "Let's go for a swim."

The fifth one said, "Now we all dive in."

So they dove in the water, and all swam about.  
Then the five little penguins, all jumped out.



## Freedom, Freedom

(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Freedom, freedom, let it ring,  
"Let it ring," said Dr. King.  
Let us live in harmony  
Peace and love for you and me.  
Freedom, freedom, let it ring.  
"Let it ring," said Dr. King



## February



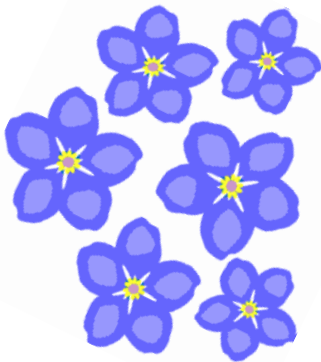
In February it will be  
My snowman's anniversary  
With cake for him and  
soup for me  
Happy once, happy twice  
Happy chicken soup with rice.

## Flowers For My Valentine

Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
Daisies are white  
Lilies are too

Poppies are red  
Irises are blue  
Pansies are purple  
Petunias are too

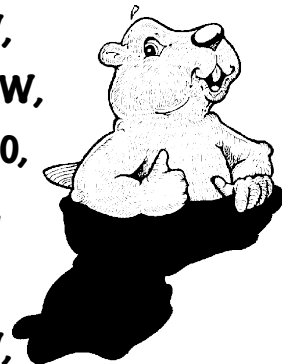
Marigolds are orange  
Hyacinths are blue  
I'm allergic to flowers  
Atchoo! Atchoo!



## Mr. Groundhog

(Tune: London Bridges)

Mr. Groundhog down below,  
Pop up through the fluffy snow,  
See his shadow watch him go,  
Winter moves just so slow.



Mr. Groundhog down below,  
Pops up through the fluffy snow,  
Wide-awake he wants to play,  
Spring is on its way.

## 100 Animals

I went to the zoo and what did I see?

100 animals looking at me.

There were...

Ten tall giraffes eating from the trees,

Ten silly monkeys scratching their knees.

Ten sleeping snakes lying in the sun,

Ten munching elephants eating peanuts one by one.

Ten leaping tigers performing in the shows,

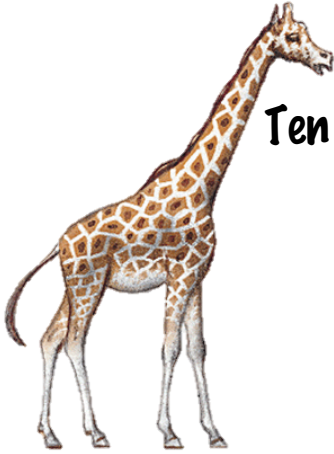
Ten pink flamingos standing on their toes.

Ten grouchy bears trying to get some sleep,

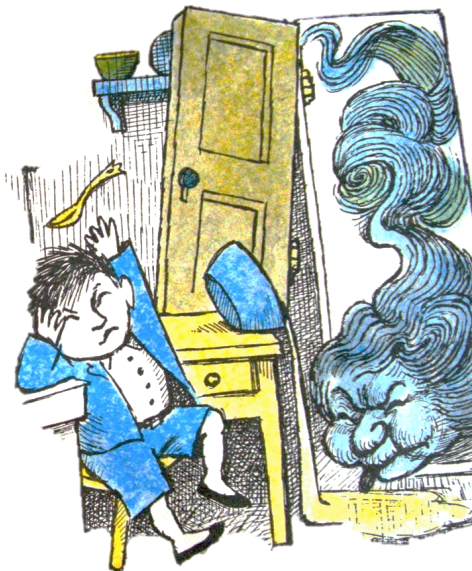
Ten happy hippos in the water so deep.

Ten roaring lions walking two by two.

And ten galloping zebras, all living in the zoo.



## March



In March the wind blows down the door

and spills my soup upon the floor

It laps it up and roars for more!

Blowing once, blowing twice

Blowing chicken soup with rice

## Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

Today is your birthday! *Today you are you!*



If we didn't have birthdays, you wouldn't be you.  
If you'd never been born, well then what would you do?  
If you'd never been born, well then what would you be?  
You *might* be a fish! Or a toad in a tree!  
You might be a doorknob! Or three baked potatoes!  
You might be a bag full of hard green tomatoes.  
Or worse than all that... Why you might be a **WASN'T!**  
A Wasn't has no fun at all. No, he doesn't.  
A Wasn't just isn't. He just isn't present.  
But you... You **ARE YOU!** And, now isn't that pleasant!

## It's Time for Spring

My sweater's tight and itchy  
My snow pants are too small  
Last week I lost a mitten...  
I can't find my scarf at all.

My woolen socks have lost their toes  
My boots have lost their tread  
And I have lost the love I had  
For words like "skis" and "sled".

But...my fishing rod still fits  
And...my baseball bat still hits  
I have a kite that wants to fly  
So...Winter, call it quits!



## Little Leprechaun

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)



I'm a little leprechaun

(hands on hips)

Dressed in green,

(point to shirt)

The tiniest man

(hold fingers an inch apart)

That you have seen.

(point to the other people)

If you ever catch me, so it's told,

(motion you're grabbing)

I'll give you my big pot of gold.

(motion you're giving it away)

I'm a little leprechaun dressed in green,

The tiniest man that you have seen.

## April



In April I will go away  
to far off Spain or old Bombay  
and dream about hot soup all day.

Oh my oh once,

Oh my oh twice,

Oh my oh chicken soup with rice.



## Money Poem



Penny, penny, easy spent,  
Copper brown and worth one cent.

Nickel, nickel, thick and fat,  
You're worth 5. I know that.



Dime, dime, little and thin,  
I remember—you're worth 10.

Quarter, quarter, big and bold,  
You're worth 25, I am told.



Dollar, dollar, green and long,  
With 100 cents you can't go wrong.



## Rainy Day

I used to hate a rainy day  
There were no outside games to play,  
And even though our house was roomy,  
The gray rain made the inside gloomy.  
Now, I don't mind the rain at all,  
For when no friends come to call,  
I've all the company I need  
I pick me out a book and read!

## Our Earth

The Earth is ours to enjoy  
For every little girl and boy.  
But we must always be aware.  
That all its beauty we must share  
With all the children yet to come,  
Who want to laugh and play and run  
Around the trees and in the fields.



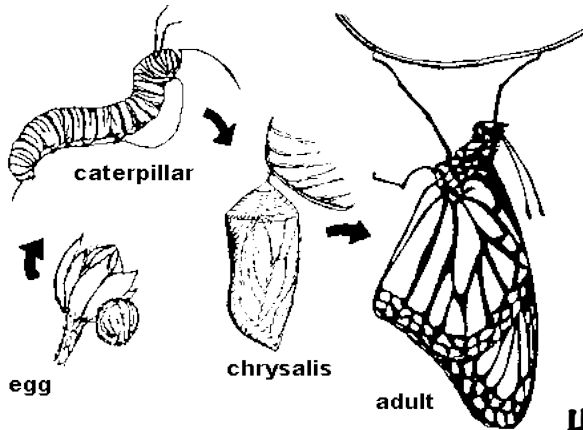
So we must keep our planet free  
From messy trash and debris  
With air that's clean and fresh and clear  
For all to breathe from year to year.  
We must never ever abuse  
Our sweet Earth that's ours to use.

## May



In May I think it truly best  
to be a robin lightly dressed  
concocting soup inside my nest  
Mix it once, mix it twice,  
Mix that chicken soup with rice.

## A Caterpillar Grows



Here is the egg, small and round  
On a leaf above the ground.  
Here is the caterpillar, watch it eat  
Lots of leaves, juicy and sweet.  
Here is the chrysalis, small and thin;  
The changing pupa sleeps within.  
Here is the butterfly, fluttering away;  
Time to celebrate its happy new day.

## Butterfly, Butterfly Energizer

(Tune: Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear)

Butterfly, butterfly, flutter around.

Butterfly, butterfly, touch the ground.

Butterfly butterfly, fly so free.

Butterfly, butterfly, land on me!

Butterfly, butterfly reach the sky.

Butterfly, butterfly say, "Good-bye"!



## June

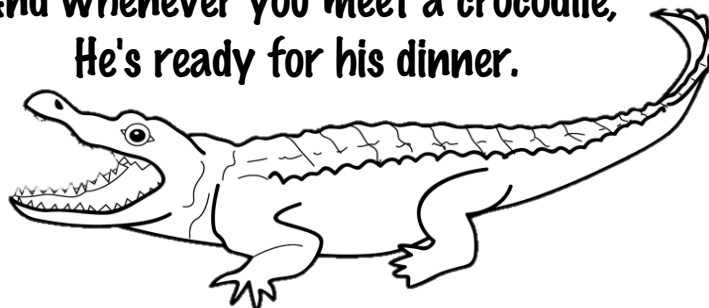


In June I saw charming group  
of roses all begin to droop.  
I pepped them up with chicken soup  
Sprinkle once, sprinkle twice,  
Sprinkle chicken soup with rice.

### If You Should Meet a Crocodile

If you should meet a crocodile  
Don't take a stick and poke him;  
Ignore the welcome in his smile,  
Be careful not to stroke him.

For as he sleeps upon the Nile,  
He gets thinner and thinner,  
And whenever you meet a crocodile,  
He's ready for his dinner.



## Summer Vacation

I wonder if our schoolbooks  
are lonely all the day  
While through the long vacation  
they're in cupboards put away?

I wonder if the whiteboard  
seems rather out of place  
Without a single marker  
to write upon its face?

I wonder if the schoolroom  
is sometimes lonely, too  
While standing bare and empty  
without a thing to do?

But this we can assure them.  
When summer days all flee  
We'll join them in September  
and keep them company.



## A Wave

I sat on the beach and a beautiful wave  
Came tumbling right up to me.  
It threw some pink shells on the sand at my feet,  
Then hurried straight back out to sea.  
It ran away swiftly and leaped up in foam;  
It bumped other waves in its glee.  
I think it was hurrying to gather more shells,  
To bring as a present for me.

