

## Write Your Valentine an Acrostic Poem

Poems are one of the oldest ways of expressing love. Valentine's Day is a great time to teach students how to write poems for their loved ones.

1. Discuss the different reasons a poem is a great gift on Valentine's Day. (Self-written poems are personal, original, unique, genuine, well-appreciated, inexpensive,..)
2. Ask students to name different kinds of poems. Explain to students what an acrostic poem is (An acrostic poem is a type of poem where the first letter of each line spells another word, usually the topic of the poem.) and give them the following example:

**V**ery very special -  
**A**ll who know you will agree,  
**L**ovely as a blooming bud,  
**E**ach day you grow dearer to me.  
**N**othing would I rather do  
**T**han sit and spend some time with you.  
**I** do believe you are the best,  
**N**icest and the friendliest, most  
**E**xcellent person I ever did know.

3. Tell students that they will be writing an acrostic poem for someone they love – a parent, teacher, friend or any other special person – using the person's name.
  - Assure students that acrostic poems do not have any rules to be followed and are therefore the easiest kind of poem to write. Acrostic poems need not have any rhyme or rhythm, and each