Poetry Scavenger Hunt
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1b. Haiku is often about what topic? __________________________________________

1c. Haiku originates in what country? __________________________________________

2. Enjoy some of the haiku written by children. Write down your favorite and **tell why** you like it.  

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3a. Judith Viorst has written fiction and nonfiction for children and adults. *If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries* . . is a book of her poetry that we have in our library. Five of the poems from the book are on this webpage.  http://www.poets.org/poet.php/prmPID/61

Which is your favorite? Why? __________________________________________

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3b. How many books do we have by Judith Viorst in the Clifdale library? How many are poetry books? # Books _________________  # Poetry Books _________________

4. How many lines are in a limerick? List 3 facts about limericks. Scroll down the page and try completing the limerick that starts, "There once was a pauper named Meg." Just write the words, not the whole limerick.  
http://volweb.utk.edu/Schools/bedford/harrisms/limerick.htm

# Lines _____________________________

Fact 1. _________________________________________________________________________

Fact 2. _________________________________________________________________________

Fact 3. _________________________________________________________________________

There once was a pauper named Meg
Who accidentally broke her ____________.
She slipped on the ____________.
Not once, but thrice
Take no pity on her, I ____________.

5a. Jack Prelutsky writes great poetry for kids. Where does he get his ideas? (hint: you have to scroll down the page) http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/jack_meet.htm

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5b. Write the title and call number of one Jack Prelutsky book that is in the Clifdale library. 
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6a. What is a couplet? [http://www.underdown.org/poetry-formats.htm](http://www.underdown.org/poetry-formats.htm)

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6b. Give an example of a couplet written by Ogden Nash. [http://www.ogdennash.org/ogden_nash_poems.htm](http://www.ogdennash.org/ogden_nash_poems.htm)

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7a. Is there a poet who is called Mother Goose? [http://www.librarysupport.net/mothergoosesociety/](http://www.librarysupport.net/mothergoosesociety/)

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7b. When did Mother Goose rhymes originate? 

7c. Go to the website and open the book. [http://www.gutenberg.org/files/10607/10607-h/10607-h.htm](http://www.gutenberg.org/files/10607/10607-h/10607-h.htm)

What was the original copyright date of this book? 

7d. Use the Alphabetical List of First Lines.

Find the poem, “There was an old woman had three sons.”

What are the names of the three sons? 


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9. If you have time, go to the following website and write a poem online using one of the forms on the left [http://ettcweb.lr.k12.nj.us/forms/newpoem.htm](http://ettcweb.lr.k12.nj.us/forms/newpoem.htm)