



**bright sun on my face
I put my sunglasses on
ready for summer**

**snow white ice crystals
coat the ground like a blanket
where is the green grass**

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Draw an orange square ■ on each day that you read a poem or a book.
 Draw a purple triangle ▲ on each day that your wrote a story or a poem.
 Draw a yellow circle ● on each day that you drew a picture.

HAIKU POEM

Haiku Poems have 17 syllables and three lines. The first line has five syllables, the second line has seven syllables, and the third line has five syllables. **Haiku Poems** must relate to nature or the seasons of the year. A **Senryu Poem** follows the same pattern as a **Haiku Poem**, but doesn't have to be about nature. Norman and Bee wrote two **Haiku Poems** about winter. Use the suggestions below to write a **Haiku** or **Senryu Poem** of your own.

1. Choose a topic and brainstorm ideas for your **Haiku Poem**. How could you describe your topic using your five senses? What are some things that are similar to or remind you of your topic? How does your topic make you feel? What colors describe your topic? Write words and/or draw pictures of your ideas.
2. Following the 5/7/5 syllable pattern, write your **Haiku Poem** on the right side of this piece of paper. Cut out your **Haiku Poem** and glue it into your *Poetry Notebook*.
3. What else can you do with your **Haiku Poem**?
 - Illustrate your poem.
 - As a classroom or on your own, create a book or calendar of **Haiku Poems**.
 - Need help with inspiration?
 - » Take a walk outside or look out the window and observe what is happening in nature.
 - » Look at pictures. Danny's *Critical Thinking Conversation Cards* and *Danny + Friends Stickers* are helpful tools. You could also browse through magazines or photo albums for ideas.
 - Share your poems with us! Share your poem on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages at [@MaryRuthBooks](#) or by email to admin@maryruthbooks.com.