



# Haiku Hype

Kids Poetry Contest

4/09 — 4/27

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**Open to students in grades 3-5**

\*Teachers and librarians can email submissions between 4/9 and 4/27 to: [rosie.pova@yahoo.com](mailto:rosie.pova@yahoo.com) with subject line: HAIKU HYPE SUBMISSION [teacher's name]

(Typed in the body of the email or Word doc. attachments only, please. NO picture files.)

*\*Teachers and librarians whose students participate will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$15 Starbucks gift card!*

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## Guidelines:

### Overview: What is Haiku?

"Haiku" is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Haiku poems consist of 3 lines. The first and last lines of a haiku have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. The lines rarely rhyme.

Here's a Haiku to help you remember:

I am first with five  
Then seven in the middle --  
Five again to end.

Because haikus are such short poems, they are usually written about things that are recognizable to the reader. Animals and seasons are examples of recognizable topics children might enjoy exploring. (Source: <http://www.kidzone.ws/poetry/haiku.htm>)

### Make us feel the Haiku Hype!

#### The following will be the judging criteria for the submissions:

1. Write about something familiar: nature, seasons, animals, objects etc.
2. Write your haiku in a way that will evoke a strong, positive emotion in the reader
3. Let your haiku poem create a vivid image or capture a special moment or action
4. Make sure your Haiku has 3 lines with 5-7-5 syllables

