

“I Am Poem”

Each year students in Upper Childhood write a poem that tells a story of who they are as a person. One of these poems is the “I Am” poem. Below you see a portion of the process students use to get to their best work and an “Exemplary Model” of the “I Am” poem.

The teacher introduces the "I Am" Poem to students. The purpose is explained and students begin to generate ideas about what might be included in the poem.

"I AM" POEM

PURPOSE: To represent you!
Something you care about!
Share who you are...

AUDIENCE: Peers, Brianna, Parents, Whole School Crew! Family
Nicole

CRITERIA

IDEAS →

Ideas about you!
Could be about the past
who you are, what you do
Detail / Description: visual images
Meaningful
Feelings

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Learning Targets are shared with students and criteria for quality work are designated.

"I Am" Poem Learning Targets

- ~I can expand my ideas to include details and meaningful info about myself.
- ~I can include descriptive adjectives, powerful verbs, and specific nouns to create visual images in my writing.
- ~I can artistically express ideas in my poem through watercolor.

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"I AM" POEM

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WORD CHOICE

descriptive adjectives

verbs: **POWERFUL**

Words are appropriate: specifically chosen

Balance! Don't overbad

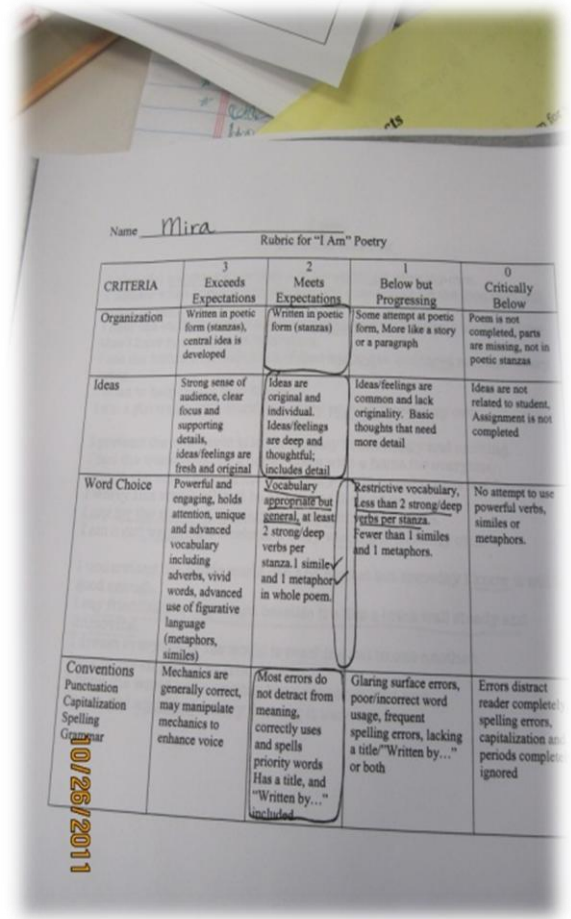
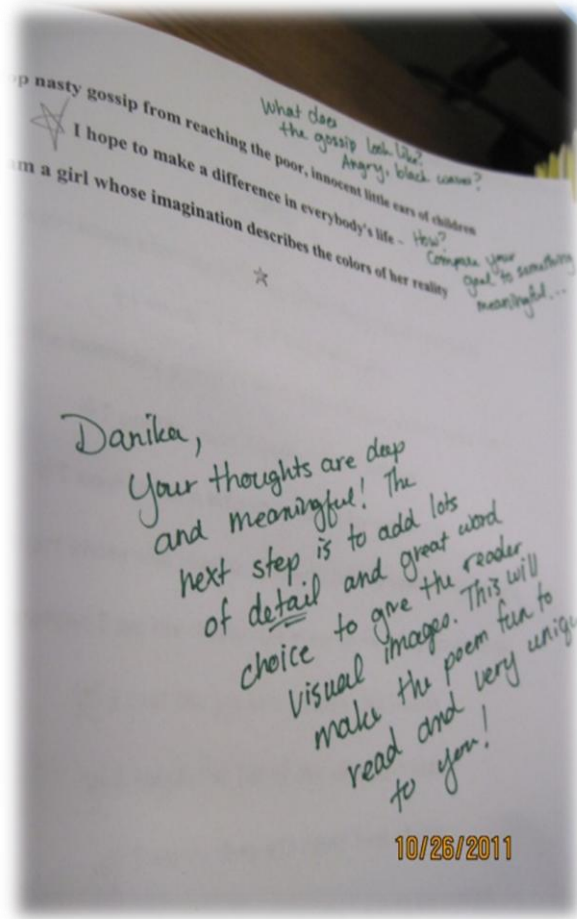
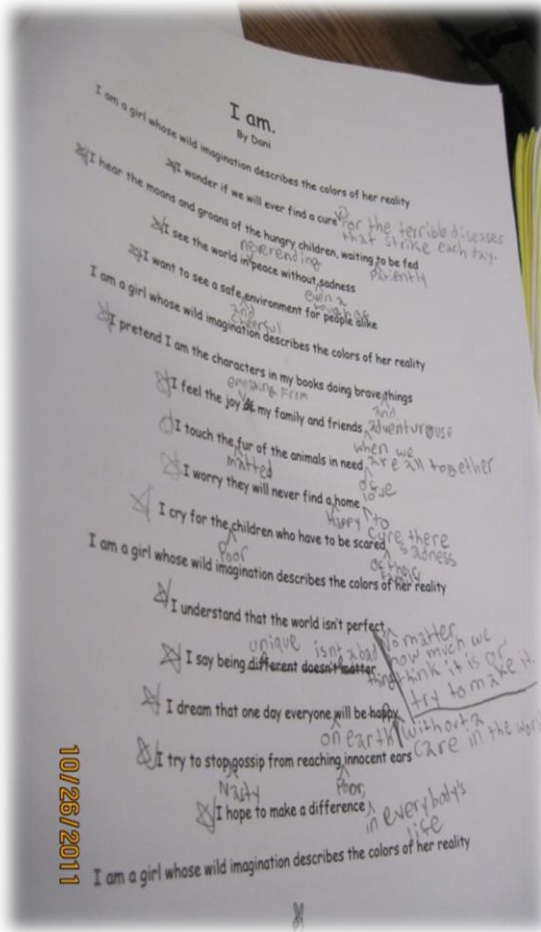
avoid repetition > Variety

At least 1 simile, 1 metaphor in poem

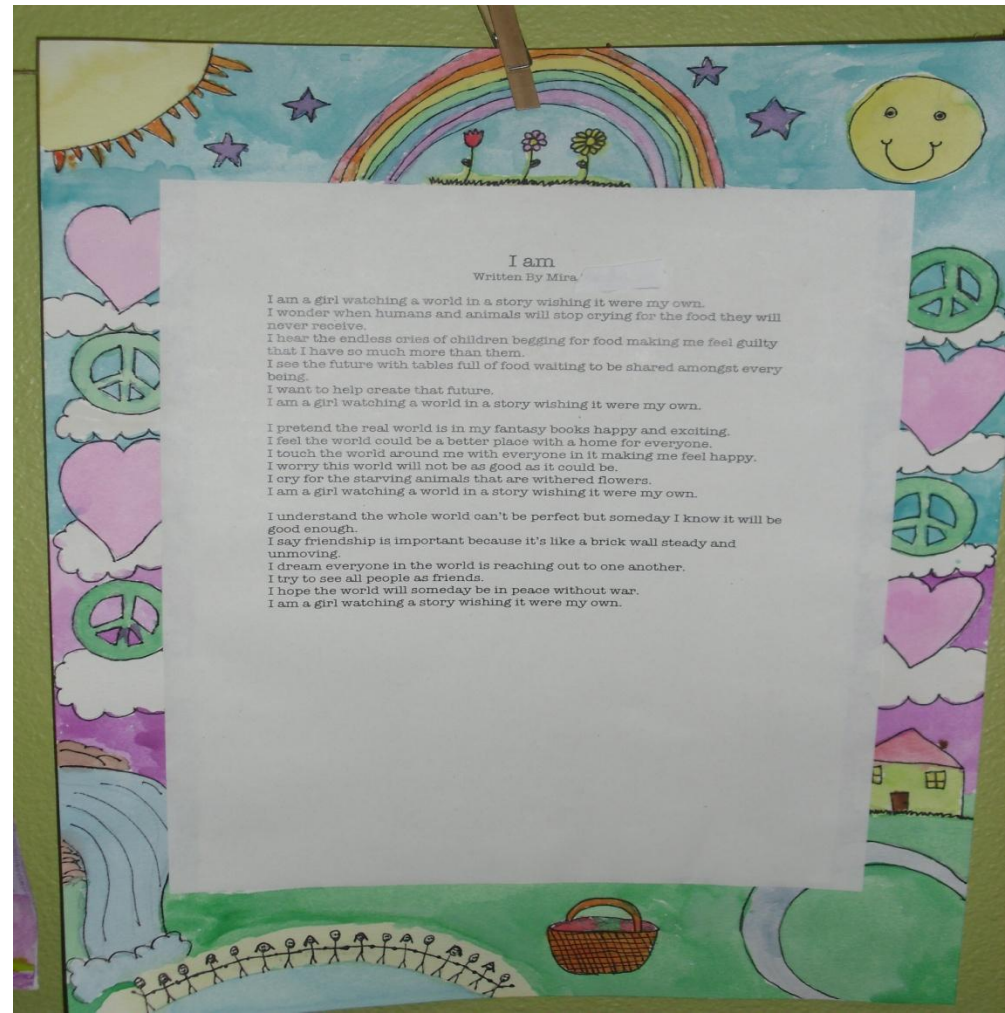
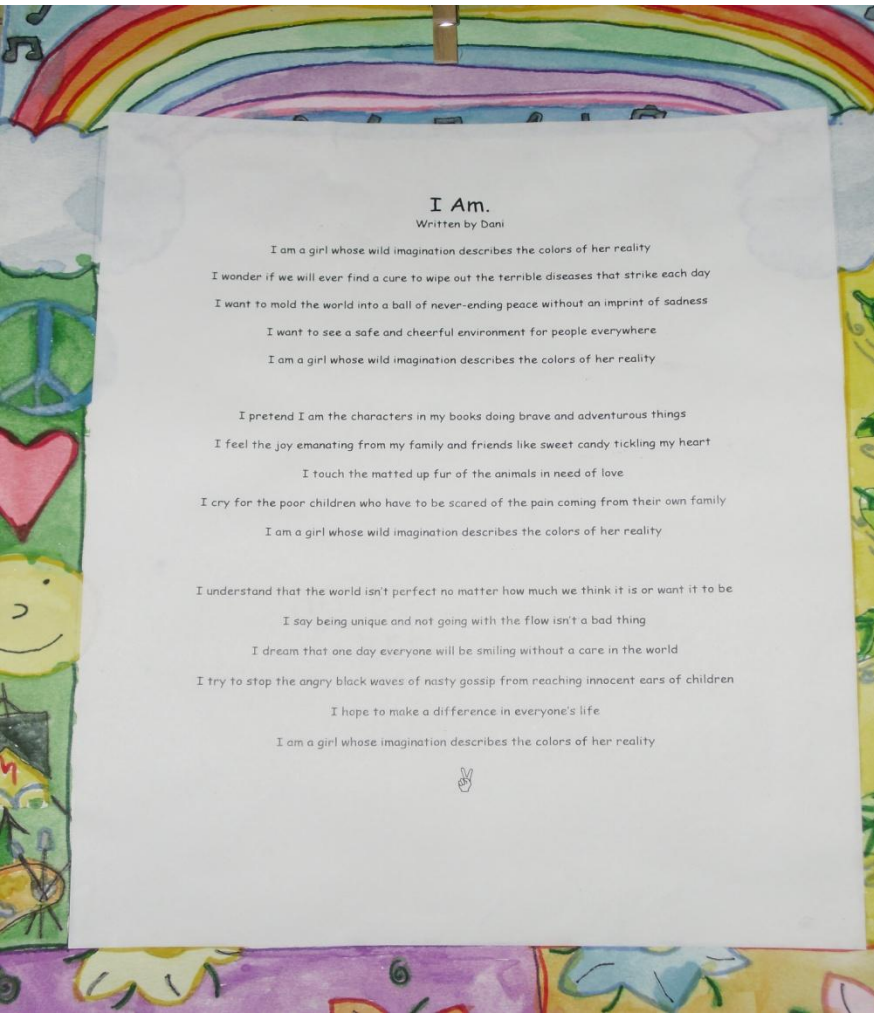
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After working through a number of drafts students share their work with their peers.

Peers offer constructive critique on ways the poem could be improved. The teacher also gives feedback on areas for improvement and specific steps a student could take to meet the criteria developed by the class. After further revision the teacher assesses the students work using a rubric to determine if the learning targets have been met.



And the final product is a brightly illustrated, beautifully written poem that gives the reader a window into the thoughts of our students.





I am

Written By Mira

I am a girl watching a world in a story wishing it were my own.
I wonder when humans and animals will stop crying for the food they will never receive.
I hear the endless cries of children begging for food making me feel guilty that I have so much more than them.
I see the future with tables full of food waiting to be shared amongst every being.
I want to help create that future.
I am a girl watching a world in a story wishing it were my own.

I pretend the real world is in my fantasy books happy and exciting.
I feel the world could be a better place with a home for everyone.
I touch the world around me with everyone in it making me feel happy.
I worry this world will not be as good as it could be.
I cry for the starving animals that are withered flowers.
I am a girl watching a world in a story wishing it were my own.

I understand the whole world can't be perfect but someday I know it will be good enough.
I say friendship is important because it's like a brick wall steady and unmoving.
I dream everyone in the world is reaching out to one another.
I try to see all people as friends.
I hope the world will someday be in peace without war.
I am a girl watching a story wishing it were my own.

I Am.

Written by Dani

I am a girl whose wild imagination describes the colors of her reality

I wonder if we will ever find a cure to wipe out the terrible diseases that strike each day

I want to mold the world into a ball of never-ending peace without an imprint of sadness

I want to see a safe and cheerful environment for people everywhere

I am a girl whose wild imagination describes the colors of her reality

I pretend I am the characters in my books doing brave and adventurous things

I feel the joy emanating from my family and friends like sweet candy tickling my heart

I touch the matted up fur of the animals in need of love

I cry for the poor children who have to be scared of the pain coming from their own family

I am a girl whose wild imagination describes the colors of her reality

I understand that the world isn't perfect no matter how much we think it is or want it to be

I say being unique and not going with the flow isn't a bad thing

I dream that one day everyone will be smiling without a care in the world

I try to stop the angry black waves of nasty gossip from reaching innocent ears of children

I hope to make a difference in everyone's life

I am a girl whose imagination describes the colors of her reality

