

## Poetry Terms – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Connotation - the emotional meaning of a word
- Denotation - the dictionary definition of a word
- Figurative Language - expressions that are not literally true but help readers picture ordinary things in new ways.
- Hyperbole - an exaggeration or overstatement for emphasis
- Onomatopoeia - use of words whose sound suggest their meaning
- Personification - giving of human qualities to an animal, object, or idea
- Alliteration - the occurrence of the same consonant sound at the beginning of closely connected words.
- Simile - a comparison of two things that have some quality in common using like or as
- Metaphor - a comparison of two things that have some quality in common that does not use like or as.
- Symbolism - a person, place, object, or an action that stands for something beyond itself
- Line - single line of words in poetry
- Stanza - a group of lines within a poem
- Free Verse - prose written rich in imagery and broken up with line breaks instead of punctuation and paragraphing
- Haiku - short, intense Japanese format, nature oriented, and with three lines with a syllable count of 5-7-5
- Couplet - a rhymed pair of lines in a poem