

Spine Poem

What is a Spine Poem?

Imagine you are sitting at a table with all these books in front of you:

- Green Eggs and Ham
- Goodnight Moon
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!
- Oh, The Places You'll Go!
- Where the Wild Things Are
- Good Night, Gorilla
- Stone Soup

To make a book spine poem, you would start by moving these books around into different stacks with the spines together so their titles look like lines in a poem. You would continue moving them until you find the 'lines' of poetry you like best to make your poem. For example, they might tell a story:

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

Oh, The Places You'll Go

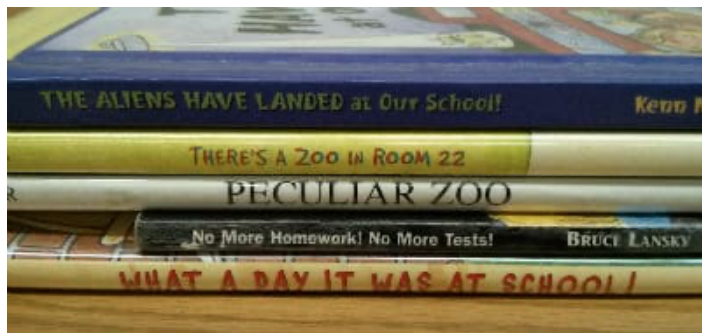
Where the Wild Things Are

See how easy and fun this is?

Directions:

1. Find some books in your house or images of book spines online.
2. Once you have an idea of what books you'll need to make three or four poems, pull them off the shelf and set them on a table.
3. Move them in order until they 'sound' the best.
4. When you've finished your book Spine Poems, take a picture or write them down and illustrate it.
5. Share it on our class Dojo or email it!

Example



Kenn Nesbitt's Poetry4kids