

Let's Write an ABC Book!

Lesson Objectives

students will better understand the writing process by generating ideas, creating poems, and hearing their work read (sung) aloud.

Procedures for Delivering Instruction

- Small group instruction (one or two classrooms only)
- Students will brainstorm topics about their school
- The instructor will research one of the school topics by asking questions as to why that topic is important to the students.
- Using the format of Yankee Doodle, the instructor will write a four-line poem following the format in the student handout (next page)
- The instructor will rap sing the four-line poem
- Teachers will divide student into groups of 3-5 and have them select different topics about their school
- Teachers will provide students the student handout to use as a guide
- Students create a four-line poem using rhymezone.com
- The instructor will rap sing the student poems to culminate the lesson

Materials

School provided LCD Projector

Screen

Paper & pencil for each student

Online access to www.rhymezone.com

Length of Lesson

Grades 3 & up: 60 minutes

Let's Write an ABC Book! (student handout)

Write a School Alphabet Book and sing to the "Volunteer Rap." The music is available at www.michaelshoulders.com.

Write four line poems about your School, using the tune Yankee Doodle:

- 1) Yankee Doodle Went to Town
- 2) Riding on a **Pony**
- 3) Stuck a feather in his hat
- 4) And called it **macaroni**.

Notice ONLY lines
2 & 4 rhyme.

Do each step below (in order). I've included an example to follow.

- Write Line #1 (about 7 syllables): "R" can be for Ringgold School
- Write Line #2 (about 6 syllables): **We are number one.**
- SKIP LINE THREE - Do it last
- Write Line #4 to rhyme with line #2. Use www.rhymezone.com for help. (about 6-7 syllables): **CUZ we think writing's fun.**

Go back and write Line #3. This is a filler line and can be anything related to the topic of the poem....but STAY ON TOPIC. (about 7 syllables)

- **We go to a school that super cool**

Try singing your poem to the tune of Yankee Doodle?
If you can, you're done!

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| 3) Stuck a feather in his hat | We go to a school that's super cool |
| 4) And called it macaroni . | CUZ we think writing's fun . |

Here are some topics to get you thinking what to write about:

School name, Address, Art, School Colors, Mascot, Recess, Library, Guy Games, Field Trips, Library, Teachers, Principal, Music class.....