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Marking Period 4, Part 2

MT	Learning Goals by Measurement Topic (MT) Students will be able to		
Literature	•	 identify the theme and summarize key details in poems and plays. analyze the character's or narrator's point of view and how it influences events in a poem or a play. examine how scenes in a play fit together to create text structure. 	
Language: Vocabulary	 identify how figurative language, word relationships, and word choice impact poems and plays. 		

Thinking and Academic Success Skills (TASS)							
		<u>It is</u>	In reading, students will				
Evaluation		weighing evidence, examining claims, and questioning facts to make judgments based upon criteria.	 study elements in a play and determine criteria for skills needed to be a successful actor in a performance. (Criteria is a standard on which a decision or judgment may be based.) compare how different types of theatre performances (opera, musicals, middle school plays, etc.) are similar and different. determine and justify the theme of a story by using details from the text. 				
		working diligently	Work hard and consistently analyze visual and multimedia elements to				
		and applying	make meaning of a poem.				
/uo		effective strategies	 use strategies, such as visualization, to interpret the meaning of 				
vatio	Persistence	to achieve a goal or	figurative language in order to understand a poem.				
Effort/Motivation/		solve a problem;	-A BUSY				
		continuing in the	How can I figure out what "it's raining cats and dogs" means?				
		face of obstacles					
		and competing					
		pressures.					

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Learning Experiences by Measurement Topic (MT)						
MT	In school, your child will	At home, your child can				
Literature	 identify the use of structural elements of plays (e.g. cast of characters, setting, scenes, stage directions) and examine how scenes create the structure of the drama. summarize key details in poems, lyrics, and plays using videos and CDs. examine key details that are essential to understanding themes in poems. analyze how the narrator's perspective contributes to the meaning and tone, and how this would change if told from another point of view. The wolf is trying to knock our house down and eat us! We won't be your dinner! Stezka, Jon & Smith, Lane (1989). The Trace Story of the Three Little Pigs. New York: Puffin Books.	 read a variety of self-selected texts everynight that may include multiple versions of the same story. read poetry by different poets to find favorites. Use online poetry resources, including: Giggle Poetry (<u>http://gigglepoetry.com/</u>) to read and create poems with figurative language. The Poetry Archive (<u>http://www.poetryarchive.org</u>) to listen to poets read their own work. see a play in a professional or local theatre. Local high school or middle school Imagination Stage, Bethesda, MD Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, Olney, MD The Puppet Company, Glen Echo, MD Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C. 				
Language: Vocabulary	 recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, metaphors, similes in poems and plays. discuss how the author's use of antonyms and synonyms deepen the reader's understanding of text. 	 create a poem collage by searching for words and phrases, in all sizes and colors, from various sources — magazines, cereal boxes, etc. Cut them out. Arrange the words in any way, and have discussions about the meanings of the words. <u>Keep going:</u> Make a collection of your poems. Use the new words in daily conversations. 				
Glossary	that may not be immediately obvious;the literal meaning ofexamine the parts so that the structure ofeffects or fresh insight	any language that goes beyond f words in order to furnish new hats into an idea or a subjectpoint of view: perspective from which the story is told or viewpoint from which information is writtenhat support the message ortheme: central or underlying message of the text				

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