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Lesson 5: Recipe Poems

Learning Objectives: Think abstractly about concepts.

Supplies: Pencils, paper

Writing Exercise: Recipe poems look something like this:

Recipe for Happiness

6 green ponies

A dash of Candy canes

3 Christmas presents

Combine into a bowl and stir vigorously

Bake for an hour and enjoy.

This is the basic structure. The first rule is that each ingredient added must be in the form of a measurement. Instead of “7 Funnys,” try to have the student say “7 laughs” or something similar. The second rule is that the poems must end with some sort of cooking instruction, i.e. “bake for an hour,” “combine in a large bowl,” “turn it into a beautiful cake,” etc.

Length: 15 minutes