

Dear Student:

I really liked the poem that you wrote in class. I would like to keep a copy of your poem for two reasons. One is to use your poem in my workshops with other students, to show to adults whose children I may work with, etc. The other reason is to possibly submit your poem to California Poets in the Schools for inclusion in the statewide annual anthology. I must have your permission and the permission of your parent or guardian in order to submit your poem for the anthology.

Now the hard part. **It is very important that you understand that your chances of getting into the anthology are slim.** I am allowed to submit only ten poems from all the students I work with in a year, so I have to make tough choices. There are over a hundred teachers like me who will also be submitting ten student poems so there are many poems to be considered.

I hope that you and your parent(s) will decide to take a chance. If so, return the attached form and the final version of your poem to me.

If you have any questions, please email me at

Thanks,

Poet Teacher