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Berry Hill Weekly Buzz



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Berry Hill Celebrates National Poetry Month



Whether it's Elephant and Piggie in Are You Ready to Play Outside, Chrysanthemum in the book with the same name, Opal from Because of Winn Dixie or Kek from Home of the Brave, the characters in our books are very complex. They may be brave in one situation and at the same time feel vulnerable in another. Our characters are much more than two dimensional and so the words we use to describe the array of character traits they possess should be varied and precise.

April is National Poetry Month. Our Berry Hill poetry theme this year is, "Say What You Mean." Words like *nice, good, sad, happy* are trite and overused. We worked very hard to put these words to rest and to discover words which say the same thing in a most varied and unusual way. Based on the characters studied in our Teachers College Reading Units this year, each class wrote a poem about one of their favorite characters using the most precise vocabulary they could find. Examples of lines from our poems include:

When you say Piggie is happy, do you really mean she's *joyful*?

When you say Chrysanthemum is joyful, do you really mean she's *delighted*?

When you say Kek is positive, do you really mean he's *optimistic*?

Take a look at our Berry Hill Welcoming Bulletin Board and see how our poems, SAY WHAT WE MEAN!!!!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Sincerely,

Mrs. Joanne Mannion, Principal