Name: _____

Language Arts Class: _____

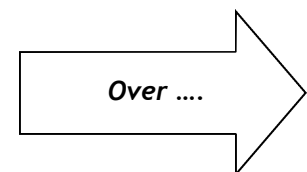# CLASSICAL POEM SELECTION FORM
Poetry Night — January 28, 2010

Students are directed to complete the following tasks by Friday, November 20:

1) Look over the list of suggested poems available on the Classical Poems page at www.mrschristianson.com. You may also visit www.poets.org, poetry books, or other sources to find poems. If you come up with your own choices, please keep in mind the following guidelines:
   • Poems must be "G rated."
   • Poems must be at least 16 lines long.
   • Children's poetry (such as that written by Shel Silverstein, Jack Prelutsky, Kenn Nesbitt, Bruce Lansky, or those written in styles, subjects, or themes similar to these authors will not be acceptable for this event.

2) Choose three possible poems for interpretation on Poetry Night. Print out a copy of **each** poem.

3) Fill out the back of this form, which lists the three poems. Have your parent sign the bottom of this form to indicate that they have viewed your choices and approve of your selections. *Unsigned forms will not be accepted*.

4) Staple the poems to this form and turn them in to Mrs. Christianson at the beginning of Language Arts on **Friday, November 20**.

On **Tuesday, November 24,** we will hold a lottery in class to determine who gets which poem. This is why three choices are critical; you may not be able to get your first choice. The lottery will be completely random according to the "pull the stick" method.

If you will not be present on Tuesday, November 24, I will choose for you when your turn comes. I will give you the first poem on your list if it is available. If not, I'll move on to the second, and so on.

If a parent has not signed your Classical Poem selection form, I will choose a poem for you and sadly, you will have no choice in the matter. **Be warned**; I treat this as a great opportunity to introduce people to some seriously dead poets whose works are best appreciated when interpreted in the original.

Over ….

Name: _____

Homeroom: _____   Form Due on 11/20/09

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POETRY NIGHT — CLASSICAL POEM CHOICES

Name of Student: _____ Homeroom: _____

1
Title of Poem: _____

Author: _____

Possible Themes This Poem Fits: _____

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2
Title of Poem: _____

Author: _____

Possible Themes This Poem Fits: _____

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3
Title of Poem: _____

Author: _____

Possible Themes This Poem Fits: _____

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I have read over my child's three poem choices and approve of them for Poetry Night.

_____
Parent Signature   Date

STUDENTS — DON'T FORGET TO STAPLE YOUR POEMS TO THIS FORM!