

Peace Poems



Trees of Peace

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International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, occurs annually on September 21. It is dedicated to peace, specifically the absence of war... The first year this holiday was celebrated was 1981.

To inaugurate the day, the "Peace Bell" is rung at UN Headquarters in New York City. The bell is cast from coins donated by children from all continents apart from Africa. It was given as a gift by the United Nations Association of Japan, and is referred to as "a reminder of the human cost of war." The inscription on its side reads: "Long live absolute world peace."

- from Wikipedia



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Michele Belluomini, Poet,
for conducting a Poetry Workshop for
LEAP students last year.*



Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter inspired the watercolors done by the LEAP students. The technique is demonstrated in **The Usborne Book of Art Ideas**. Both are available in the Central Children's Department.

Usually in free verse, **Emotion Poems** use simile heavily. The emotional response to the idea of peace focuses on the senses: sight (color), taste, touch, sound and smell. While none of the LEAP students have experienced war, like everyone, they have known conflict. We discussed how to identify what has upset us and how to negotiate for the win/win solution.

To celebrate the *International Day of Peace*, the LEAP students created the following poems and paintings.



Peace

A peacock is Peace.

*His feathers are green and blue
And beautiful.*

He makes me calm and happy.

by Genevieve



PEACE

*Peace is soft purple like the middle of
a sunrise.*

*Peace tastes like warm waffles with
fresh strawberries.*

It smells like fresh linen out to dry.

Peace looks like clear pool waters

And sounds like a lullaby.

*Peace feels like a smooth pebble in
your hand.*

by Mya



PEACE

*Peace sounds like a gurgling stream
Flowing in harmony with the Earth.*

It tastes like deep forest air.

You can hold it in your lap like a rock.

*The crisp clear sky blue sparkles through
it and touches your heart.*

by Margaret

Peace

Peace is the color of RED

Like a rose, the smell sooo good.

The taste of Red Velvet cake.

It feels like a pillow.

Red Sound like a BIG firecracker!

And it LOOKS Awesome.

By Darnell





PEACE

*When I am upset
And can't sit still,
I don't holler
Or take a pill.
I think of sunsets
And the ocean blue,
And I am peaceful
And love each of you.*

by Julia



Peace

Yellow like the rising sun,
Peace tastes like cake icing,
And smells like the evening air.
It looks like a flower blooming,
Sounds like a robin calling and
Feels like a summer breeze

by Olivia

PEACEFUL

*Peace is the color of white,
Nice as a blank piece of paper.
Peace smells like a flower valley;
Peace tastes like a pink cupcake.
Peace sounds like the wind,
Peace feels like a silky ribbon.*

by April





LEAP is a free, drop-in program, so no registration is necessary.
 For more information, please contact
 Central Children's Department at (215) 686-5369 or
 The Office of Public Service Support (215) 686-5372.

LEAP provides homework assistance, computer literacy, and library skills for students in grades K-12, and daily literacy enrichment activities for elementary school students. LEAP also introduces students to the many Library resources and materials that are available, free of charge, to help them with school assignments, and applying to college. In addition to encouraging academic achievement, LEAP also fosters a safe and supportive, non-judgmental zone for children, tweens and teens. Here at CCD, we also have special programming on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 PM.

This book is a product of two of those programs.

LEAP is in operation after school from September to June at the Parkway Central Library from 3:00 PM till 6:00 PM (Monday & Wednesday) and from 3:00 PM till 5:00 PM (Tuesday & Thursday).

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