

PROJECT WEEK 2023

October 2nd – 6th, 2023

At Archway Glendale, all students are required to memorize a poem and work on a beautiful copy-work poetry packet for project week. Second graders will memorize the poem, *Something Told the Wild Geese* by Rachel Field. Students have been learning this poem in class.

Students will turn in the completed packet and recite their poem in front of the class on Monday, October 16th. The rubric attached is for you to keep at home.

If you would like, you can follow the suggested schedule below. However, you are welcome to work on the project anytime over this break as your family sees fit.

Monday: copy, illustrate, and memorize the title, author and first stanza.

Something told the wild geese
It was time to go.
Though the fields lay golden
Something whispered,—‘Snow.’

Tuesday: copy, illustrate, and memorize the second stanza.

Leaves were green and stirring,
Berries, luster-glossed,
But beneath warm feathers
Something cautioned,—‘Frost.’

Wednesday: copy, illustrate, and memorize the third stanza.

All the sagging orchards
Steamed with amber spice,
But each wild breast stiffened
At remembered ice.

Thursday: copy, illustrate, and memorize the fourth stanza.

Something told the wild geese
It was time to fly,—
Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.

Friday: Design the cover. Review all copy-work. Look at the rubric. Add illustration details. Practice the poem aloud several times in front of your family.

Something Told the Wild Geese

by Rachel Field

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Project Week Rubric

**This rubric and project expectations have been discussed with students.*

PLEASE KEEP THIS COPY AT HOME

Written Portion:

Packet is clean, not torn, and well cared for ____ / 5

Handwriting ____ / 10

Best Spalding manuscript, written in pencil. Letters formed correctly.

Copy-work ____ / 15

Copy-work follows the lines of the printed stanza (*"return and sweep"*). Words spelled correctly, commas and punctuation copied correctly.

Illustrations ____ / 15

Illustration coincides with the stanza. Nicely drawn with pencil and colored with colored pencil only (no markers, crayons, or pens).

Workmanship ____ / 10

Evident that work was not rushed. Student takes responsibility of their best quality work.

Oral Presentation Portion:

Speaks clearly & voice volume ____ / 15

Presented in front of the class. Voice volume is loud enough to hear, cadence is not too fast or too slow.

Preparedness ____ / 10

Evident that student has practiced reciting the poem at home.

Accuracy ____ / 10

Words are correct.

Body Posture ____ / 10

Student stands still with hands at side or behind back. Not fidgeting with clothes, hands, etc.

Total Points: ____ / 100