

Children's Picture Books For Teaching Poetic Devices

Metaphors / Similes

Frederick – Leo Lionni
Quick as a Cricket – Audrey Woods
The Wonder Thing – Libby Hathorn
Hailstones and Halibut Bones – Mary O'Neill

Onomatopoeia

A Day at Damp Camp – George Ella Lyon
Double Trouble in Walla Walla – Andrew Clements
City Sounds – Rebecca Emberly
Charlie Parker Played be bop – Chris Raschka

Alliteration

Animalia – Graeme Base

Poetic Language:

When I Was Young in the Mountains – Cynthia Rylant
The Relatives Came – Cynthia Rylant
What You Know First – Patricia McLachlan
Owl Moon – Jane Yolen
Dreamkeeper – Langston Hughes
Going Home – Eve Bunting
Night of the Gargoyles – Eve Bunting
Welcome to the Sea of Sand – Jane Yolen
Night Sounds, Morning Colors – Rosemary Wells

Poetic Forms

A Poke in the I – Paul Janeszko
Eats – Arnold Adoff

Dialect

Flossie and the Fox – Patricia McKissack
Airmail to the Moon – Tom Birdseye

Letter Writing

The Gardner – Sarah Stewart
Dear Mr. Blueberry

Point of View

Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport – Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Playing With Language

On Beyond Zebra – Dr. Seuss

Dog Breath & Others – Dav Pilkey

Pish, Posh said Hieronymous Bosch – Nancy Willard

Descriptive Language

Nettie's Trip South – Ann Turner

The Table Where Rich People Sit – Byrd Baylor

Daddy Played Music for the Cows – Maryann Weidt

It Rained on the Desert Today – Ken and Debbie Buchanan