



Student Teacher Newsletter

March 2021

Welcome to the World of TEACHING



Dear Student Teacher,

We are pleased to share with you the second edition of our monthly newsletter. It is our hope to provide you with ideas and resources to support your ongoing growth as a professional educator. This month we are sharing ideas which help to celebrate the contributions of women, the arrival of Spring as well links to several YouTube videos which may support the expansion of writing skills with your students. You are reminded to watch for the arrival of our next FAQs which addresses some of your “burning questions”. Look for it to arrive to your university issued email.

Due to numerous requests, please see the links on page three which provide access to many of the resources and tools that we have shared with you as part of our Student Teacher Orientation support package.

All of the members of our team join me in extending best wishes to each of you as you enter your second month of the second semester. You are encouraged to utilize the upcoming Spring Break as an opportunity to relax, recharge and reflect before your return to your assignment on Monday, April 5, 2021.

Best Regards,

Peggy Taylor Presley

Help us to help you: Please use this link to finalize your registration with LA Unified. Complete your registration so that we may provide more individualized support:

<https://forms.gle/1DW5nPdcFGcSgTG9>



A Tip from A Pro . . .

One of our tech savvy NBC Teachers, Morris McCormick, has offered this tip.

Mr. McCormick has shared that this semester he has switched to a new interactive online whiteboard which has worked well in his class. His T.A. is able to join him within a virtual setting as a co-instructor on the whiteboard. Interested? Just plan to visit Whiteboard.chat

Mark Your Calendar – Dates to Remember



Monday, March 15, 2021 Acknowledgement of District Policies Are Due. Plan to submit via Schoology

March 29 – April 2, 2021 Spring Break

Monday, April 5, 2021 Classes Resume

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4 - 5 pm - Teach in L.A. (Learn about how to apply to teach in L.A. Unified)



Optional: Orientation videos for your review

Zoom Meeting Recording: Student Teacher Orientation Part 1

Please click the link below to view the webinar:

<https://youtu.be/5hGHPuL5V1s>

Zoom Meeting Recording: Student Teacher Orientation Part 2

Please click the link below to view the webinar:

<https://youtu.be/zo7xR-J74eI>



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Writing Experiences for Students

Consider an Introduction to Haiku Poetry

Spring is a great time to introduce students to Haiku. Haiku is a popular form of poetry and its link to nature makes it suitable for spring.



The Structure of Haiku

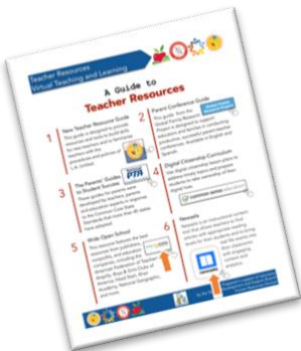
- Three lines
- 17 syllables
- Line 1 - 5 syllables
- Line 2 - 7 syllables
- Line 3 - 5 syllables

This format consists of three short lines which do not rhyme. The last line frequently, captures how the writer feels about the subject. You may consider launching your lesson by first reviewing one of the following YouTube videos as a way of building your knowledge or to introduce your students to this form of poetry.

Watch, review and create a learning experience for your students:

Teaching Kids Haiku with Kwame Alexander	YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHY0DMLp2SE
Haiku Poems for Kids	YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bHxSMXU560
HAI and KU What is Haiku?	YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdo-QYvR8Uk
Haiku Poetry: The Quiet Creative	YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnwRGq4fm3NyDps1SEJfGUA

Teacher Resources: Focus on Women’s History Month and Spring



Wide Open Schools

Type [“Women’s History Month”](#) in the search bar and see 40 results that can be selected by grade level. [Amazing Latinx Women](#) is a riveting presentation with photos, videos, and links to further resources.

Type in [“Spring”](#) and see 9 results ranging from poetry by Nikki Giovanni to Mystery Science’s [“Why do the Stars Change with the Seasons?”](#) as well as a 3D Virtual Tour of Yellowstone National Park!

Newsela

Searching for [“Women’s History Month”](#) yields many articles and text sets. Did you know that on March 29, astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) are scheduled to conduct the first all-female spacewalk? Articles on women environmentalists, a female lead in Captain Marvel, NASA mathematicians, the [“Pink Tax”](#), women artists and famous firsts in women’s history are just a few of the readings provided. Search the text sets for [“Women Leaders.”](#) Here is an [overview](#).

Search for [“Spring”](#) and you will find a variety of poetry, history and science articles aligned to standards. Clicking on [“Filters”](#) allows you to fine tune your results. You will need to create an account and sign in to see these results. You can adjust reading levels or have the text read aloud. I enjoyed the article, [“Why some flowers greet us each spring.”](#) It is aligned to ELA, Math and science standards, has available assessment questions and varied reading levels. Fascinating!



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Links for Success

TSU Resource Document

<http://bit.ly/tsu-resource-guide>

Teams Job Aid

<http://bit.ly/teams-job-aid>

Scanning and Signing a PDF

<http://bit.ly/Scan-SignPDF>

Student Teacher Videotape Guidelines & Release Forms

<http://bit.ly/video-release-forms>

Student Teacher FAQs

<http://bit.ly/sp2021-student-teacher-faq>



Young Storytellers Partnership with Warner Bros. Media and AT&T: [Story Time](#) is a 12 episode series of short videos and activities so that kids at home can have the experience of writing their own stories and discovering the power of their creative voice. Students will submit their stories to our team and selected scripts will be brought to life through live virtual performances with professional actors, character designs by professional animators, and even mentoring sessions with Hollywood writers and directors.

Members of the Student Teacher Support Team
extend our best wishes as we welcome SPRING!

