**Acrostic Poetry Name:**

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|  | Excelling | Meeting | Beginning to meet | Needs work |
| **Poetry Structure** | -has a title that is at least 6 letters long.  -each letter represents has a suitable word/ beginning for each sentence  -each letter has well-constructed complex sentences  -each sentence shows a flow or sequence leading to the next  -has a rhyming couplet structure | -has a title that is at least 4-5 letters long  -each letter is used to express an idea or word  -has one simple sentence per letter  -each sentence is related to the topic  -doesn’t rhyme but each line flows leading to the next | -title is short less than 4 letters long  -some letters are used in the middle of the word instead of the beginning  -there is only 1 word per line to support the theme  -some ideas don’t flow well together or seem forced  -ideas somewhat support title | -made up word that doesn’t make sense  -is a very short word 1-2 letters  -very brief and unrelated vocabulary  -theme is not developed  -acrostic is incomplete |
| **Vocabulary** | -base words are appropriate to title and topic  -uses new vocabulary to express ideas in an interesting way  -every word in the acrostic poem supports the main idea  -uses a variety of sentences to help a reader visualize words | -casual words are used to connect themes  -uses regular text and vocabulary to express ideas  -provides simple sentences that make sense  -most ideas fit well together to support theme | -words are very simple  -vocabulary doesn’t relate to developing theme well  -words are reused without much variety or imagination | -random words are used  -vocabulary doesn’t develop theme  -no ideas are communicated through vocabulary |
| **Mechanics** | -there are no errors in spelling, grammar, capitalization  -writing is clear and makes sense | -there are 1-2 errors in spelling, grammar, capitalization  -writing makes sense | -there are 3-5 errors in spelling, grammar or capitalization | More than 5 errors in spelling, grammar, capitalization.  -poem doesn’t make sense |
| **Aesthetics** | -letters are attractive  -colourful illustrations are included to support each theme  -all the space is used and writing is legible | -theme letters are neat and a good size  -theme letters are outlined/coloured neatly  -most of the space is used | -letters are not neat  -there is no extra either outlined or coloured  -hard to read or understand  -some space is not used well | -done very hastily  -messy  -incomplete  -lots of unused space |







