



How to make: Cut out four of each letter in the word *POEMS*, using brightly colored construction paper. Staple the letters around the bulletin board, forming a border that reads *SPOEMS* on each of the four sides.

How to use: Have each student choose a Basic Word and write a “spoem.” Each letter of the Basic Word becomes the first letter of each line. Show them how to do this, using an example from the illustration above or a “spoem” of your own. Tell them that their “spoems” may rhyme but that they do not have to.

The final copy of the “spoem” should be written on a piece of paper cut in the shape of something that the word represents.

You may want to have students write “spoems” as a small group activity first and use later unit word lists for individual efforts. Display the finished “spoems” on the bulletin board.