**8A Poetry Assignment Ideas**

* Use the “fridge magnet” technique to write a **new** poem using all or some of the words from “a song in the front yard”
  + Challenge – make it end up having the same moral/theme/topic as the original
* Write a poem that states and explains the rules of **your** home
* Write a poem with a hidden meaning (e.g. front yard actually represents something else)
* In 4 stanzas, describe just one everyday item that you overlook; explain why you overlook it
* Write a haiku with the same ideas or concepts (growing up, taking things for granted, etc.) as the original
* Choose symbols that represent emotions or morals to you and use them in a poem to tell a story
* Write a poem about what growing up means to you (3-5 stanzas)
* Write (in prose) what it means to be mature
  + Fridge magnet (single words; must rearrange)
  + Challenge – use every single from the prose; rearrange
  + Challenge – Prose = 500 words; Poem 10% or less of the words