

Haiku Poetry Writing Contest

As *April is Poetry Month* and our *Spring Scholastic Book Fair is May 13th – 15th*, all Carisbrooke students are encouraged to write a Haiku poem with their family *for a chance to win one of two \$25 shopping sprees at the Scholastic Book Fair!* Your Haiku must be related to reading in some way (e.g. a Haiku about books, poetry, the library, reading in general, your favourite place to read, your favourite book or author...).

Maximum **10** Haiku poems per family.

Entry deadline: Tuesday, April 30th

Please submit your *original* poem to the Library.

Your poem may be typed or handwritten, and should include the names of all family members involved in its creation.

Two poems will be drawn at random on Wednesday, May 1st, and winners will be notified via the announcements and the school website.

Traditional Haiku Structure

Traditional haiku are always the same, including the following features:

1. There are only three lines, totaling 17 syllables.
2. The first line is 5 syllables.
3. The second line is 7 syllables.
4. The third line is 5 syllables like the first.
5. Punctuation and capitalization are up to the poet, and need not follow rigid rules used in structuring sentences.
6. A haiku does not have to rhyme, in fact usually it does not rhyme at all.
7. Some haiku can include the repetition of words or sounds

Together you write

a masterpiece of your words

Good luck to you all