

January Limericks

Class, your task is to write a limerick for your holiday, and to create a calendar square for your day. Follow the instructions below to do your best work.

1. The limerick

- A limerick is a rhyming poem that has five lines. The first two lines and the fifth line rhyme with each other. The third and fourth lines rhyme with each other, but not with lines one, two or five. The rhyme scheme looks like this:

A
A
B
B
A

All of the “A” lines will rhyme with each other and all of the “B” lines will rhyme with each other.

- A limerick follows a syllable pattern as well. The first, second and fifth lines should have between seven and nine (7-9) syllables. While the third and fourth lines will have only four or five (4-5) syllables.
- Make sure that your limerick relates to your holiday. For example, if your holiday is National Spaghetti day, your limerick should be about pasta, sauce, slurping, twirling, or other related topics.

You can find examples of limericks here:

<http://www.kidzone.ws/poetry/limerick.htm>

Need Help Rhyming? Go here:

<http://www.wordcentral.com/>

2. The Calendar Square

- Open Microsoft Publisher
- Choose “Blank Page Sizes” then “Letter (Portrait) 8.5 x 11”
- You need to create a 6 x 6” square on your publication
 - o We will do this together
- Next you will need to put the date in the upper left hand corner and the name of your holiday next to the date.
- Your limerick will go in a 3 x 4” text box
- You may add clip art to your calendar square as long as it relates to your holiday.
- You may choose any font that you like as long as it is a font that does not use symbols and is legible.
- You will save your file as “January (#) Limerick (name)”
 - o Ex. January 4 Limerick Kaitlyn or January 30 Nolan Croissant