

Hello! And Happy National Poetry Month!

As the Poet Laureate for the State of Kansas, I hope that everyone has a chance to read and even write a poem this April.

This poem and the fill-in-the-blank prompt is designed for kids. Adults, if your child doesn't write yet, you can do it together!

If you would like to do so, please feel free to share your results by posting on social media and tagging: @poetlaureateofkansas on Facebook and/or @poetlaureateofkansas_ on Instagram. I would love to see everyone's wonderful poems!

—Traci Brimhall, Poet Laureate of Kansas

Here's a sample poem that you can read to get you started:

FRENCH FRIES WITH ICE CREAM

after Kenn Nesbitt's "Pickle with Cheddar"

There's nothing I like more than
french fries with ice cream.

The fries are hot and salty.
The ice cream is cold and sweet.
The taste is like summer and winter
in a single bite.

I eat it in the afternoon.
I eat it for dessert.
I eat it for my birthday
with extra sprinkles.

I won't eat hashbrowns with hot chocolate
Or tater tots with cake.

But in the morning after a good dream,
give me the salty sweet goodness
of french fries with ice cream.



_____ with _____
(food 1) (food 2)

There's nothing I like more than _____

The _____ is _____
(food 1) (flavor)

The _____ is _____
(food 2) (flavor)

The taste is like _____

I eat it _____.
(time of day or place)

I eat it _____.
(time of day or place)

I eat it _____.
(time of day or place)

I won't eat _____ with _____.
(new food) (new food)

OR _____ with _____.
(new food) (new food)

But when _____
(time of day or place)

Give me the _____ flavor of _____ with _____.
(food 1) (food 2)