

Grade 4 Library Time @ Home!

Week of April 6, 2020

April is National Poetry Month. Brooklyn born poet, Jack Prelutsky did not start writing poetry until he was in his twenties. As a grade school kid, he liked poetry about as much as he liked eating liver...not very much! When he got older he decided he would write about things that kids cared about and as he says "would make poetry delightful".

"Bleezer's Ice Cream" is a particularly delightful poem. Jack Prelutsky uses alliteration, a fun form of figurative language which has multiple words all starting with the same sound...not necessarily the same letter.

"**K**ing **C**arl's **C**ool **C**hameleon" is an example of alliteration...all words begin with the "K" sound. The letters do not matter.

"**C**arl's **C**ool **C**ello **C**ase" is NOT alliteration. Words may begin with the same letter, but they do not all begin with the same sound. **C** in **C**ello sounds like "ch".

Alliteration can be used in sports...Boston Bruins, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Tennessee Titans. How many more sports examples can you list?

Alliteration can be used in book titles such as Shana Corey's Secret Subway, Players in Pigtails, and Ballerina Bear. Do you have other examples?

Alliteration is used in tongue twisters like, "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers".

- Open the document called "Poem Bleezer's Ice Cream".
- Take some time to read the entire poem a couple of times. Be sure to read it out loud so you can hear the alliteration. If you are not sure how to pronounce some of the words, enjoy this short video of the poem being read <https://youtu.be/ZC9fi0znxms>.
- Now it's your turn to have some alliteration fun. Print out the document called "Ice Cream Creations". Create five new flavors for your ice cream shop. See how many words that begin with the same sound you can use for each flavor. Write each new flavor next to a scoop of ice cream, then color the scoops to match their flavors' ingredients.
- Share your finished product with me at kolwy@mufsd.org
- Jack Prelutsky has a giant collection of _____? Find the answer along with games, puzzles, and more at <http://jackprelutsky.com/bio/>.