If I were in charge of the world
I’d cancel oatmeal, Monday mornings, Allergy shots, and also Sara Steinberg.

If I were in charge of the world.... There’d be brighter night lights, Healthier hamsters, and Basketball baskets forty-eight inches lower.

If I were in charge of the world... You wouldn’t have lonely. You wouldn’t have clean. You wouldn’t have bedtimes, or “Don’t punch your sister.” You wouldn’t even have sisters.

If I were in charge of the world... A chocolate sundae with whipped Cream and nuts would be a vegetable. All 007 movies would be G, And a person who sometimes forgot to brush, And sometimes forgot to flush, Would still be allowed to be In charge of the world. - Judith Viorst

Write your own poem using the format below.

If I were in charge of the world
I’d cancel ____________________,
__________________________, ____________________, and also ____________________.

If I were in charge of the world There would be ____________________, ____________________, and ____________________.

If I were in charge of the world You wouldn’t have ________________.

You wouldn’t have ________________.

You wouldn’t have ________________, or “___________________.”

You wouldn’t even have ________________.

If I were in charge of the world __________________________ would be a vegetable.

__________________________

And a person who sometimes forgot to ___________________,

And sometimes forgot to ____________,

Would still be allowed to be In charge of the world.
Emotion Poem (10 lines)  Portfolio Poem #2

Step #1: Create a list of at least 6 emotions that you have felt before.

1) 4)  
2) 5)  
3) 6)  

Step #2: Pick one of the emotions you listed above and write a poem based on imagery you associate with that emotion. Be Creative and feel free to modify the wording of your descriptions as you see fit.

If ______________ was a color,
It would be __________.

If ____________ was a taste,
It would be __________.

If ___________ was a smell,
It would be __________.

If _______ _____ was a feeling,
It would be __________.

If __________ was a sound,
It would be __________.

Sample

If Rage was a color, it would be blindfold black.
If Rage was a taste, it would be rotten bananas fried in battery acid
If Rage was a smell, it would be a combination of burnt rubber, gunpowder, and sweat
If Rage was a feeling, it would be an itch that could only be scratched by sleeping on a bed of nails
If Rage was a sound, it would sound like screams, cries, wails, and inaudible whispers.
I AM Poem (18 lines)

I am (two special characteristics)
I wonder (something you are actually curious about)
I hear (an imaginary sound)
I see (an imaginary sight)
I want (an actual desire)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

I pretend (something you pretend to do)
I feel (a feel about something imaginary)
I touch (an imaginary touch)
I worry (something that really bothers me)
I cry (something that makes you very sad)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

I understand (something you know is true)
I say (something you believe in)
I dream (something you actually dreamed about)
I try (something you make an effort to do)
I hope (something you actually hope for)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

I Am poem  Example I Am Hopeless

by S. O’Rourke)

I am a strong woman who still feels. I wonder when it will stop hurting. I see the laughter around me and I want to join in. I am a strong woman who still feels. I pretend that nothing will ever hurt me again. I feel my heart shattering like glass thrown at the wall. I touch those shards and feel my fingers bleed. I worry that my life is truly pointless. I cry when no one is near to hear my plea for help. I am a strong woman who still feels. I understand that I will never stop hurting. I say, “Why won’t it stop?” I dream of blackness and cool air. I try to find my dreams. I hope someone stops me. I am a strong woman who still feels.
Biopoem

Line 1       Your first name
Line 2       Four traits that describe you
Line 3       Sibling of (or son/ daughter of)
Line 4       Lover of . . . (3 items)
Line 5       Who feels . . . (3 items)
Line 6       Who needs . . . (3 items)
Line 7       Who gives . . . (3 items)
Line 8       Who fears . . . (3 items)
Line 9       Who would like to see . . . (3 items)
Line 10      Resident of (your city)
Line 11      Your last name

Example:

Stephanie
Caring, teacher, patient, mother.
Sibling of David, Kim, and David
Lover of books, poetry, and children.
Who feels neglected, unsure, but hopeful.
Who needs chocolate, friends, and love.
Who gives hope, assurance, and help.
Who fears loss of precious ones, losing sight, and the loss of mind.
Who would like to see warm fuzzies, love instead of hate, and Ireland.
Resident of Seffner.
O’Rourke
Recipe Poem

What is a Recipe Poem?
a recipe poem is a poem that uses a word and gives the “ingredients” and directions it takes to make or achieve the word's meaning

examples:
The Recipe For Friendship-

*ingredients:* 1 cup of courtesy, 1/2 cup of patience, 1/4 cup of forgiveness, a dash of wit and humor, 2 cups of understanding, 1 cup of friendly words, and a pinch of praise.

*directions:* no baking, stewing, or steaming needed. season with the spice of life and top with kindness and love. serve in generous portions.

Recipe for a Happy Home

4 cups love 5 spoons of hope 2 cups loyalty 
2 spoons tenderness 3 cups forgiveness 4 quarts faith 
1 cup friendship 1 barrel of laughter

Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Add friendship and hope, sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings

Instructions
Use cooking vocabulary suggested to create a Recipe Poem (must include ingredients and directions) for at least 2 of the following ideas: success, hunger, fame, failure, love, adventure, fun, pain, friendship, disaster, laughter, depression, happiness, disaster,

* You may also choose your own ideas as long as it’s approved by Mr. Tokheim*

Cooking Measurements: gram, teaspoon, tablespoon, ounce, pound, cup, pint,

Cooking Verbs: bake, broil, boil, sauté, drain, chop, sprinkle, add, combine, refrigerate, melt, freeze, slice, dice, chop, stir, blend, puree, crisp, brown,
Color My World

Portfolio Poem #6

Directions: Pick a color and follow the “Color My World” writing model listed below

Line 1  Name a color

Lines 2-4  Name 3 things that are that color

Lines 5-7  Name 3 things that sound like that color

Lines 8-10  Name 3 things that taste like that color

Lines 11-13 Name 3 things that feel like that color

Line 14  What can that color do?

Sample:

Purple

A bruise on your leg,
bunches of grapes in a bowl,
a sweater that goes great with black,

The sound of power,
fruit juice poured into a glass,
a school bell ringing

Grandma's rhubarb pie
cold medicine served up on a tablespoon,
squishy cough drops

Velvet covered cushions,
pointy tip pentel markers,
the sky before lightning starts

Purple can take you for a sweet ride.