

MINIMALIST HAIKU DIRECTIONS

Dear Writer,

Each day offers us the gift of writing ideas. Pick days that have meaning for you. Whether it's a national holiday, full moon, or just another Wednesday, haiku are waiting to be discovered. Anyone can find them. All it takes is the habit of noticing.

Always writing, Lorrie



How to Write a Haiku:

- 3 lines.
- 5-7-5 syllable pattern.
- No punctuation (except proper nouns).
- Read your haiku out loud.
- Tweak and rearrange lines as needed.
- Use the playground page for drafts.

Hacks If You Need to Use More Syllables:

- Add a long title.
- Add a picture for context.
- Add an asterisk (*) to the end of a line so you can add a note with more information below your haiku.
- Add a postscript.

What's the Haiku Mindset?

- Be playful. (Play + Haiku = PLAYKU!)
- Stay in the moment. The experience of writing your haiku is more important than the end result.
- Give yourself permission to write whatever you want.

Sample Haiku:

To find sample haiku, look on Lorrie Tom's Instagram page (@lorrie_stories), and/or search using #haiku or #haikumydays. Of course, the library has lots of books about haiku. Try *Writing Your Own Haiku* by Patricia Donegan.

Finding Ideas for Haiku:

- Write about a holiday.
- Stop whatever you're doing for a moment. Breathe in. Breathe out. Listen. Watch. What do you notice? Write about it.
- Do the same on a walk or in your yard.

Using the Haiku Printables:

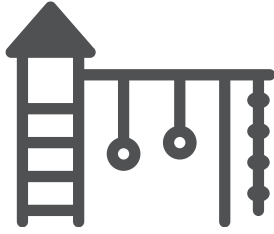
- There are ten versions of the monthly page + a playground page for rough drafts. Print what you prefer.
- Post on the fridge (so kids join the fun). Put completed pages in a binder, folder, or clipboard. It becomes a scrapbook!



My Haiku Ideas:

MY HAIKU PLAYGROUND

FOR THE MONTH OF _____



DATES TO REMEMBER:
first/last day of the month,
new/full moon,
holidays--national or your own,
birthdays, anniversaries,
and more...



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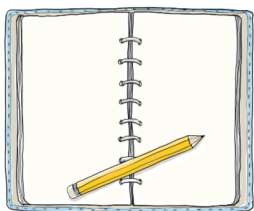
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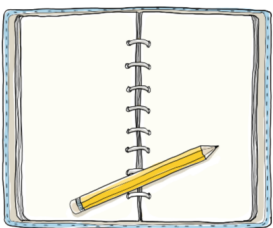
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