Multiple Intelligence Projects for

Hopscotch Love: A Family Treasury of Love Poems written by Nikki Grimes illustrated by Melodye Benson Rosales Lothrop/HarperCollins, 1998

Verbal/ Linguistic

Keep a journal/notebook for at least ten days like Jazmin. Write at least two poems during that time. Privacy can be maintained by folding the notebook pages in half lengthwise. But, pages will still be counted (at the students desk, so they KNOW a teacher hasn't peeked!) for the grade. Warning: you may become addicted!

Logical/ Mathematical

Write a recipe poem about love or relationships.

Visual/ Spatial

Scrapbook Art: Create a scrapbook page about love- it can be people from your family or your own story. Include in your collage anything that you feel represents the relationship (movie tickets, letters, invitations, etc.)

Body/ Kinesthetic

Write a reader's theater script for any of the poems found in *Hopscotch Love*. Then, act them out.

Musical/ Rhythmic

Bring in the lyrics to your favorite songs (be sure to follow school code for appropriateness of language!) and then discuss the poetic elements found within it. After that, if possible, listen to the music and continue the discussion about what the music itself adds to the meaning of the work.

Interpersonal

Create a board game about *Hopscotch Love*. Be sure to make the questions specific and interesting. You can decide the game any way you like, but see that it measures the comprehension of your classmates. Spend one class period (at least) enjoying your creations!

Intrapersonal

On a long scroll like piece of paper or on fancy stationery make a list of all your best qualities as a person (at least 50). Be specific! Think about your relationships to the earth, family, friends, animals as well as yourself as you create your list. Keep and refer to it whenever you have a rotten day- it's guaranteed to help lift your spirits.

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