

These five second graders, inspired by Douglas Florian's picture book, [insectlopedia](#), and the [online lesson](#) at WritingFix created the following poems about insects.

As they wrote and revised, they worked hard on their **word choice** and their **idea development** skills. After reading each poem, talk with a neighbor about where you see each poet show strong skills with these two writing traits.

**The Dragonfly**  
by Miles

The Dragonfly,  
The Dragonfly  
Killer of the sky.  
I kill at will as I fly.  
I am the dragon  
Killer of the sky.  
I am the dragon  
I'll put up a fight.  
If you fight me, you'll run with fright!



**Dragonfly**  
by Brayden

Dragonfly,  
Dragonfly,  
A Big Fat Guy  
When I eat a Fly.



**Mosquito**  
by Cody

I hate the mosquito.  
It flies onto people's skin and drinks  
their blood.  
When it bites, it's really bad and it  
itches.  
Its buzzing noise makes me itch.



**Praying Mantis**  
by Timothy

Praying Mantis,  
Praying Mantis,  
Good at church,  
But when you go to the altar,  
you take larva not bread!



**The Dragon Fly**  
by Eve

Flying round the swamp's ground,  
Being the King of the Sky,  
I will watch you flying round.  
O hail, the mighty King of the Sky.  
O Dragon Fly, O Dragon Fly,  
Please tell me the  
Secrets of the sky.  
O Dragon Fly, O Dragon Fly,  
O hail, the mighty Dragon Fly.



**What insect will you write your poem about?**