

These fourth graders, inspired by both a [William Carlos Williams' poem](#) and a book by [Joyce Sidman and her students](#), wrote the following *Apology Poems*.

As they wrote and revised their poems, they worked hardest on their idea development and sentence fluency skills.

Read each poem and be prepared to talk about where each poet shows strength with both of those writing traits.

The Dog in the Garden
by Jacob, fourth grade poet

My dog destroyed
the flowers
in the beautiful
garden,

all because of me,
I wasn't watching.

Forgive me.
I used the time wisely
playing video games.



This Is Just to Say...
by Molly, fourth grade poet

I ripped up my
Homework,
But it
Commanded
Me to!

I've never seen
You turn that red just
For homework
How did you?

But in the end,
I had a paper
That said redo.



I'm Sorry...
by Jacob, fourth grade poet

I'm sorry for
calling you horrid
names but
everyone else was
telling me to,

and I didn't |
want my
reputation crushed
by hanging out
with you.

So please
forgive me.
I honestly didn't
mean to call
you names.



The online lesson that inspired this writing can be found at the WritingFix website. Click [here](#) for direct access to this lesson.