

## Greeting Card

This activity accompanies “Christmas in the Heart,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5105.

**Activity Title:** Greeting Card

**Description:** The students will create a greeting card about their favorite holiday.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a poem for a greeting card about their favorite holiday.

**Materials:**

- “Christmas in the Heart” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Construction paper
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc.
- Glitter
- Glue

**Procedures:**

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Then, have the students think about their favorite holiday. Next, have the students write a poem about their favorite holiday to be published in the form of a greeting card. When the students are ready to publish, have them neatly write their poem inside of a folded piece of construction paper, and decorate the outside of the card.

**Activity Extension:**

If there is time, have the students address an envelope to go along with their greeting card.

