

Your Morning Routine

This activity accompanies “In the Morning,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5228.

Activity Title: Your Morning Routine

Description: The students will write a poem about their morning routine.

Subject: Reading and Language/Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem about his or her morning routine.

Materials:

- “In the Morning” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students write a poem about their morning routine. For example, do they get up right away, do their parents have to wake them up, or do they always run late, etc. When the students are finished writing, have them illustrate their poems. If there is time, have the students share their poems in small groups.

