

# TAKE YOUR POET TO SCHOOL WEEK

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## Ogden Nash



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“The trouble with a kitten  
is that eventually  
it becomes a cat.”

In its obituary for American poet Ogden Nash (died May 19, 1971), *The New York Times* declared him the “country’s best-known producer of humorous poems.”

Born in 1902, Nash at one time attended Harvard, dropping out after a year. He later worked as a teacher, sold bonds, wrote ad copy, and had a short stint on the editorial staff of *The New Yorker*. Nash also wrote the lyrics to Broadway shows.

His first collection of poems, *Hard Lines*, was published in 1931, the same year he married.

Known for poems featuring puns and word play, Nash was also fond of inventing words to finish out a rhyme. In a 1958 interview, he said, “I think in terms of rhyme, and have since I was six years old.”

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## Take your favorite poet to school during Take Your Poet to School Week

1. Color your poet
2. Cut out your poet along dotted lines
3. Attach a popsicle stick to the back of your poet with tape or glue
4. Take your poet to school



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