Acrostic poems are a great way to get children interested in writing their own poetry. They can be easily be adapted to meet the needs and learning styles of your students. An acrostic poem uses the letters of a word to form the beginning letter of each line of the poem. If you used the word "CAT", you would have a three-lined poem. The first line would begin with a "C". The second line would begin with an "A". The last line would begin with a "T".

You can start easy with one word for each line as below:

CAT

Curious
Attitude
Tails

You can have several words on each line as below:

CAT

Curious kittens
Always in trouble
Talks with a "meow"

Or you can have the lines flow together as below:

CAT

Creeping slowly
Among the leaves
To pounce on a mouse.

Choose the style of acrostic poem that will best serve the needs of your students. Feel free to adapt and change. The goal is to get your students interested in writing their own poetry.