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Teacher Notes

This PDF file contains a version of the poem without the answer and also a version with the answer at the bottom and a fold line so you can fold the paper before giving it to students. Choose the version that works best for you.

YouTube Links:

- Poetry Pause with Dr. Kim version includes a short interactive mindfulness introduction before the poem: https://youtu.be/z11sWHkp_pA

Use the poem "Back to School Riddle Poem" in various ways:

- As a fun back to school read aloud
- Book pairing idea: School's First Day of School
- Representing: ask students to draw who or what they think is the speaker of the poem
- Performance: ask students to act out who or what they think is the speaker of the poem
- For Grade 3 students, use as an independent reading text
- To introduce or complement poetic and literary techniques, such as personification
- Riddle answer: A Classroom

If you have questions or would like to share feedback, please get in touch:

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Happy Teaching, Kim x

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Back to School Riddle Poem

By Kim T. Harrison

I was lonely all summer
and my walls were all bare
with no laughter or giggles
or squeaks from a chair.

But now there are footsteps
all over my floor.

There are pictures and posters
and names on my door.

What am I?

Answer: A classroom

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About Dr. Kim

Dr. Kim's full name is Kim T. Harrison. She is a writer, poet, and teacher, who was born in England but moved to Canada a long time ago and now lives on the beautiful island of Newfoundland.

Dr. Kim can't help fix a broken leg or a sore throat, but she can prescribe poetry reading and writing activities! She's a "doctor" because she has a PhD in French literature and cultural studies. This means she's read and written about A LOT of books and poems. When she was a kid, her favourite book had lots of different poems in it. She still reads these poems today and now writes her own because she loves the sound and feel of words, and the magic that happens when those words work together to create new worlds.

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