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Poetry WITS  
c/o Indian Valley Arts Foundation  
P.O. Box 268  
Telford PA 18969

Dear PoetryWITS:

I was delighted to host the PoetryWITS program at Indian Valley Middle School. The students were very engaged with your lessons.

The students benefitted from Poetry WITS through your use of mentor texts, the sharing of personal experiences as writers, and the creativity you encouraged in the writing process. I really appreciated how you adjusted lessons for each class both by vocabulary needs and interest areas. The use of percussion instruments to coincide with different stanzas of a poem was a real hit. Pun intended! My students gained self confidence through the celebratory poetry reading at the end with the microphone presentations. Thanks for helping them stretch themselves. I also value the opportunity the students have to get their work published on the website. Their writing can now speak for itself.

I would encourage any teacher to invite Poetry WITS into their room.  
Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Berdine Leinbach'.

Mrs. Berdine Leinbach  
Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher  
Indian Valley Middle School