

Inspired by Karin Ireland's Don't Take Your Snake for a Stroll, four of Mr. Mathys' fourth graders wrote these original four-line poems.

Read the four poems with a partner. Can you guess which poem was written by which writer? (Teachers, the answer is on the next page...for your eyes only!)

Poem #1:

Don't take your panda to play X-Box  
Because he always cheats, you see.  
As soon as I start to win,  
He bites me on the knee!

by \_\_\_\_\_

Poem #2:

Don't take your hippo to school  
If he said he wants to learn.  
He's very chubby and hairy,  
And he might make your teacher's  
stomach turn.

by \_\_\_\_\_

Four Fantastic Fourth Grade Writers!



Aditi A.

Mackenzie D.

Chris G.

Charlie W.

Poem #3:

Don't take your pig to a picnic.  
He'll want to play in the sand.  
Then he'll want some Root Beer,  
But he'll try to take your food right out  
of your hand.

by \_\_\_\_\_

Poem #4:

Don't take your penguin to the mall.  
He will eat all the fish in the pet store,  
And when you go to the ice cream shop,  
He will always ask for more!

by \_\_\_\_\_

After matching authors to the poems, talk about these questions with your partner:

- Whose poem has the best word choice?
- Whose poem has the best rhythm?
- Whose poem sounds the best when read aloud?
- Whose poem is the most memorable?

Poem #1: Mackenzie  
Poem #2: Charlie  
Poem #3: Chris  
Poem #4: Aditi