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New poems for children



Formula for Fun

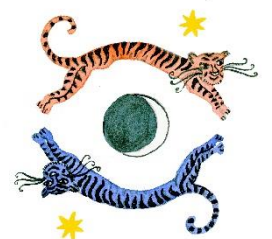
Poetry plus math
yields countless forms, from
syllable squares and
three-line haiku to
infinite pi-ku.

Note: this is a syllable square poem – the number of lines in the poem equals the number of syllables in each line. In this case, that number is five, which is also the number of syllables in the title.

Pi-ku Rule

A pi-ku
can
be three lines long,
like
a haiku, or it
can be like pi, and go on and on
and on
and on and on and on...

Note: a basic pi-ku is three lines long, with syllables per line equalling 3, 1, 4 – the first three digits of π . In an eight-line pi-ku like this one, the syllables per line equal the first eight digits of π : 3.1415926.



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