

## Poetry nook

**Frank LaBoone**, principal at **Johnson Elementary School**, shares this original poem by **Shannon Deep**, the school's behavior coach. "The poem reminds us of the potential that is in each of our students and of our goal to help them 'blossom,'" LaBoone says.

*We here at Johnson know our little ones have needs.  
We are like gardeners watering our seeds.  
Feeding them our love, care and knowledge,  
Far more than we prepared for in college.  
We work hard to nurture and protect our sprouts,  
Working to teach them the lesson that counts.  
That they have potential and knowledge is power,  
And needed to blossom into a beautiful flower.*

-- by Shannon Deep