Name _____

ODE TO PLANET EARTH

Earth Day is a special day to honor the planet we call home. Do you think our planet is unique in the solar system? Why or why not? What do you like about Earth?

Try to picture a favorite image of Earth in your mind. Do you see a tall leafy tree against a blue sky? Or a rocky mountaintop covered in snow? Or are you thinking of a colorful coral reef? The picture in your mind can be anything from nature that inspires you.

Once you have your inspiration, start writing! Compose a poem celebrating what you love about planet Earth. Use plenty of descriptive words.

My inspiration: _____

My poem: _____

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WHAT'S AN ODE? An ode is a type of poem that honors a specific person or subject that the poet finds inspiring. In ancient times, an ode was a kind of poem that was meant to be sung to an audience. A famous example of an ode is "To Autumn" written by John Keats in 1819.