



Hands are for Holding, not for Hurting

Use the above title, along with your handprint to create a concrete poem about shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma. You will write your poem around your blue handprint (blue is the color associated with child abuse). Ten lines should be a good start. You may need to add more lines and/or adjust the size of your letters to make your poem fit. Once your poem is written, you will lightly write it around your handprint in pencil, using your neatest writing. Sharpies will be available for you to trace over the final poem.

Concrete poetry is a type of poetry that uses some sort of visual presentation to enhance the effect of the poem on the reader.

Write your poem normally. Try to describe how the subject makes you feel and why this tragedy needs to stop. Try to capture the feelings you had as you watched the “Forever Shaken” DVD.

Write your rough draft on the back of this paper.