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Think About It!

Close-Reading and Critical-Thinking Questions: Read the poem "September" in the September 2016 issue of *Storyworks Jr.* Then go back and reread lines of the poem to answer the questions below.

1. What is this poem mainly about?

2. What are some examples of school supplies doing things people do?

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3. Which words did the author use that remind you of school?

4. Who do the pencils stand for? Who does the chalk stand for?

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5. Why is this poem called "September"?

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Write Your Own Poem

Write your own poem that starts with "October is when . . ." Use words that make you think of that month and include at least two examples of personification.

Choose Your Words!

Make a list of words that make you think of October. We'll get you started: *pumpkin, halloween, apples*

Now write at least five words of your own:

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Personification

Choose two of your words from the list above and think of a human activity they might do. For example, a pumpkin could laugh at a child's funny costume, or apples could jump down from a tree.

Put It All Together

Use your October words, your examples of personification, and your opener ("October is when . . .") to write your own poem.

October is when
