***HORTICULTURE HAIKU !***

**Haiku is a form of poetry that originated in Japan over 300 years ago.**

**A Haiku poem is very short set of words that often expresses a unique thought or feeling. It is a short poem that records the essence of a moment keenly perceived in which Nature is linked to human nature.**

**Although slight variations are acceptable, the typical Haiku poem consist of 17 syllables in the standard format shown below:**

**Line one: 5 syllables *A seed is near me***

**Line two: 7 syllables *unafraid to germinate***

**Line three: 5 syllables *and start a new life.***

**A haiku can be anywhere from a few to 17 syllables, rarely more. It may or may not necessarily match subject to verb for a complete sentence as you have been taught in grammar. Haiku lends itself to experimentation with language.**

**Very often Haiku poetry addresses a Nature topic. Consider the haiku poem a very small slice of life that expresses a thought or a feeling in a very concise manner. See examples:**

***A cloud above my head (5) Horticulture rocks. (5)***

***Is destined to remember (7) or at least that’s what they say. (7)***

***All the things I said. (5) I think they were right. (5)***

***Osmocote grows plants (5) Underneath the node.(5)***

***Better than I ever knew.(7) is where the roots will emerge. (7)***

***I better get some. (5) If you use root hormone. (6)***

**And some different versions of Haiku…**

***Beach parking lot Since my house burned down***

***Where the door opened I now own a better view***

***A small pile of sand. Of the rising moon.***

***Sitting in the sun, Wispy autumn clouds***

***In the middle of the plants in the river shallows.***

***That I just watered. The droppings of a deer.***

***HORTICULTURE HAIKU!***

* **SINCE IT IS A BEAUTIFUL DAY TODAY, THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE OUTDOORS.**
* **MATERIALS NEEDED WILL BE:**
  + **A PAD OF PAPER and a pen!**
* **POSITION YOURSELF OUTSIDE IN A PRIVATE, QUIET SETTING**
* **Go through the word bank below or come up with your own horticulture term from class.**
* **Once you select your first term, see if you can include it into a haiku poem based on the guidelines from page one of this handout.**
* **Try to stay within the 5-7-5 syllable format.**
* **Don’t spend too much time on the same poem if you get bogged down. Move on to another topic or vocabulary term if you get stuck.**
* **Remember, a haiku is a very small slice of life, not a book or whole story!!! It’s a teeny weeny thought that conveys one moment!**
* **Write 5 Horticulture haiku’s**

**Horticulture Word Bank**

Plant Fertilize Rooting Hormone Bud

Seed Hybrid Petiole Growing

Fruit Insect Watering Evergreen

Leaf Annual Roots Perennials

Soil Flower Stem Hardwood

Germinate Bark Photosynthesis Deciduous

Propagate Blade Respiration Plugs

Grafting Margin Dormant Petals