

## Poem of the Week

### 74th Street

by Myra Cohn Livingston

Hey, this little kid gets roller skates.  
She puts them on.  
She stands up and almost  
flops over backwards.  
She sticks out a foot like  
she's going somewhere and  
falls down and  
smacks her hand. She  
grabs hold of a step to get up and  
sticks out the other foot and  
slides about six inches and  
falls and  
skins her knee.

And then, you know what?

She brushes off the dirt and the  
blood and puts some  
spit on it and then  
sticks out the other foot.

again.

## Homework Assignments

**Monday:** What is the setting and who is the main character of this poem? Why do you think the author never told us the main character's name?

**Tuesday:** What is the theme of this poem (or what did you learn from it)? Why do you think the author wrote it?

**Wednesday:** Why do you think the main character got back up and stuck out the other foot? Tell me about a time when you struggled with something, but decided to persevere. What made you continue to try?

**Thursday:** Why do you think the author chose to format it the way she did (why did she sometimes use short or incomplete sentences, and why did she split up the sentences the way she did)?