



## Scrapbook Instructions for

# Memory Gems

The Memory Gems notebook will be one of your child's first scrapbooking projects with the Hearstone Education Plan. When young children record and illustrate their favorite rhymes and quotes, they are nurturing a love for beauty and imagination. This notebook will become a treasure for a lifetime. A notebook of favorite quotes and poems, however, can easily become too large and cumbersome if the student is not careful. For this reason, we suggest that children narrow down their selections to poetry and quotes they are willing to commit to memory.

Young children may ask parents to write their favorite nursery rhymes on a blank page. The child can then add pictures and designs before inserting it into their notebook. As children learn to write, they can print the words themselves, using their best handwriting. When children begin learning cursive, they should be encouraged to record all poetry and quotes in their best cursive handwriting rather than typing it out. The act of cursive writing allows the message to sink deeper into the heart. In addition, this gives the child a meaningful project to work on while practicing their writing skills.

### Supplies:

- Three-ring binder with clear cover for page insert or use a scrapbook binder
- Blank paper for scrapbook
- Lined paper for scrapbook
- Crayons and colored pencils
- Other artistic supplies including photographs, design paper, stickers, glue, etc.
- Illustrations of poetry from older poetry books (many of these are available at used book stores)

### Instructions:

- Children may design a cover page for their Memory Gems scrapbook to make it personal to them
- Sample page ideas for inside scrapbook:
  - Favorite nursery rhymes
  - Verses from favorite children's songs
  - Quotes from favorite stories and literature
  - Quotes from famous people
  - Short lessons or quotes from parents, grandparents, and other family members