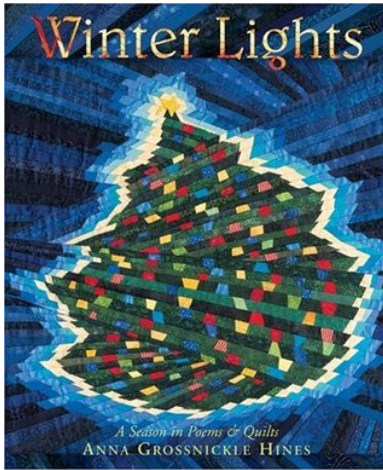


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Winter Lights: A Season in Poems and Quilts
By: Anna Grossnickle

Karen Benson first introduced me to this story years ago. It is a beautiful book with poems all about the lights that come out during the winter season. From candles to Christmas lights, from farolitos to lanterns, from the moon to the Aurora Borealis this book touches on every light you can think of during this time of celebration and peace. It covers numerous holidays and celebrations including Christmas, Hanukkah, Navidad, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, and Santa Lucia. The illustrations are all pictures of hand made quilts created by Grossnickle and they are absolutely stunning. The poetry is just lovely and has a playful feel to it.

My students created a whole program with this story, which I would love to share. The book fits nicely with many different songs and activities in the music classroom. It also leaves lots of room for creating with the different star, moon, and candle themes. My students loved using ribbons and scarves to created movement with our Aurora Borealis piece. Definitely a great story!