Metaphor

A metaphor makes a comparison between two unlike things in which one thing becomes another thing.
An extended metaphor is a metaphor that is extended, or developed, over several lines of writing or even through an entire poem.

Purpose:

To write a free verse poem that uses a metaphor to describe the subject in a unique way.

Procedures:

1. Listen to examples of metaphors as your teacher reads them.
2. As a class, brainstorm a possible subject (subject #1) for your poem. It can be a place, a person, an object, an event, or a time of year.
3. Choose a subject for your poem.
4. Select something (a place, a person, an object, an event, or a time of year) that is completely opposite from your subject. (Subject #2.)
5. The first line of your poem will say:_____ is _____ .
   Subject #1 Subject #2
6. Ask yourself how subject #1 is similar to subject #2. Make a list using interesting words to compare the two things.
7. Use your list to create the remainder of your poem.
8. Strive to create a poem with an extended metaphor by developing your comparison of the two subjects over several lines of poetry.
9. Type and illustrate your poem.

Examples:

School is a mind factory
With brain teasers.
~ Stephanie Jones

Spring is a warm
sweet hug
from heaven.
~Larissa Leavens