To begin a prewriting web, place the topic or theme in a star in the center. The words in ovals are the students' first thoughts about peace: home, love, food, friends, and heart. (The teacher added an oval for initial "p" sound words.)

The cloud entries are the students' elaborations on their first thoughts. The teacher conducted a mini-lesson on alliteration. Students then added the words beginning with "p" to the web and other examples of alliteration. Finally, the underlined words and blue ovals were added. These are the descriptive, sensory words that paint vivid pictures in the reader-listener’s mind.

Take the time to generate a complete web. The web makes composing a poem easier for students. Here is a sample class list poem created from this prewriting web. A variety of unique poems could be written from this single web.

Peace is
  soulful singing in soft harmony
  it's in the sweet smiles on your friends' faces

Peace is
  finger-licking love and tasty comfort
  it's sharing food with those you love

Peace is
  a warm welcoming crackling fire
  it's cuddling on the couch with a calico cat

Peace is
  a calm powerful place
  Peace lives in your happy heart