I couldn’t believe what I stumbled upon,
There he was before me- a real leprechaun.

He had bright blue eyes and a rather long nose
With emerald green shoes that turned up at the toes
We chatted together while drinking our tea
Just the two of us- the leprechaun and me
He said “You know that soon it’s St. Patrick’s Day?
I’ll share with you, friend, something the Irish say.
They have a saying that is oh, so clever,

Erin Go Bragh means Ireland forever!”
Leprechaun Language
by Alice Knisley Matthias

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   a. stretched his legs  
   b. made some tea  
   c. sang a song  
   d. danced a jig

2. What does the Irish phrase “Erin Go Bragh” mean?

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3. Which piece of information is not mentioned in the poem?
   a. The leprechaun has blue eyes.  
   b. The leprechaun had a green hat.  
   c. The leprechaun had emerald shoes. 
   d. The leprechaun had a long nose.

4. Which word best describes the leprechaun in this poem? clever sneaky friendly

Tell why you chose this word. ____________________________________________

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Challenge: On a separate sheet of lined paper, write your own poem about a leprechaun. Draw an illustration to go along with your poem.
Leprechaun Language
Vocabulary Activity

The words below are scrambled words from the poem. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

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   Clue: warm drink

2. p r l e e r n a h u c __________________________
   Clue: small, bearded, magical person

3. v e _______________________________________
   Clue: 

4. s l h _______________________________________
   Clue: someone or something from Ireland

5. m e r e d a l ________________________________
   Clue: bright green gemstone

6. h c t t a d e ________________________________
   Clue: talked

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   Clue: talked

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   friend
   Clue: person you like to spend time with