

Fun with New Words

Dear Family,

During the week of _____, your child will be studying the meanings of the following words. As students learn the words in this vocabulary program, they will become better at expressing themselves in speech and writing. Please try to use these words as often as you can during the week. Thank you for your help.

scoff

If you scoff at something, you talk about it in a way that shows you think it's silly.

Scoff at something silly or ridiculous on TV, but tell your child that it's not nice to scoff at a person.

assail

To assail something or someone is to attack them physically or verbally.

Ask your child to assail the mess in their room instead of just "cleaning up."

optimistic

If you are optimistic, you are hopeful and look at things in a positive way.

Challenge your child to be optimistic about something they usually complain about.

lament

If you lament something, you say how sad you are about it.

Ask your child to write a poem lamenting something they might be sad about. Then discuss things they could do to feel better about it.

Teacher

steadfast

If you are steadfast in doing something, you will not give up or be stopped from doing it.

Ask your child what things they are steadfast about. Discuss other possibilities.

decisive

If you are decisive, you make decisions quickly without changing your mind later.

In the morning, ask your child to choose their clothing for the day in a decisive way.

gratifying

Something gratifying makes you feel happy and proud of what you've done.

Ask your child to make a list of "Most Gratifying Activities." Ask them to explain why these activities made the list.

resigned

If you are resigned to a bad situation, you accept it without complaining because you can't change it.

Challenge your child to act resigned to something they don't like but have to do.

