

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.

eliminate

If you eliminate something, you remove it completely.

Make a to-do list with your child. Then let your child eliminate one item from the list.

stationary

Something that is stationary is not moving.

When going somewhere, have your child point out things they see and say whether or not they are stationary.

incredulous

If you are incredulous, you can't believe something because it is very surprising.

Encourage your child to use incredulous to talk about things they just can't believe.

contender

A contender is someone who competes to win a contest or an election, usually with a good chance of winning.

Talk with your child about their favorite sports contender. Then tell your child your favorite sports figure and discuss how the two compare.



Teacher _____

grimace

When you grimace, you twist your face in an ugly way because you are in pain or don't like something.

Ask your child to show you what a grimace looks like. Encourage your child to say "grimace" when they see someone else make the same face.

fatigue

If you feel fatigue, you feel very, very tired.

Ask your child to tell you about times they usually feel fatigue.

stamina

Someone who has stamina can do something tiring for a long time.

Talk with your child about how athletes build up their stamina by practicing a lot.

foil

If you foil someone's attempt to do something, you stop them from doing it.

Ask your child to write a story that starts with someone's plans being foiled and what they did about it.