

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.

levitate

If someone or something levitates, they appear to rise and float in the air without anything to support them.

Ask your child to imagine having the ability to levitate. What would they do with it?

neglect

If you neglect something, you fail to take care of it properly.

Encourage your child not to neglect their homework or chores.

stifle

If you stifle something that is happening, you force it to stop.

Ask your child to stifle activities that you would like them to stop doing.

astray

Something that has gone astray has gone missing while it is on its way somewhere.

Ask your child to draw a picture of someone or something that went astray and tell you a story about how it happened.

Teacher

alibi

If you have an alibi for something, you can prove that it was not your fault or you were somewhere else when it happened.

Ask your child to think of an alibi for something they've gotten in trouble for in the past.

enigma

Something that is an enigma is mysterious and difficult to understand.

Discuss with your child someone or something they think is an enigma. What about them is hard to understand?

escapade

A daring adventure or action can be called an escapade.

Ask your child to pretend that a trip to visit a friend or relative is an escapade. What kind of daring adventures might they have on the way?

notorious

To be notorious means to be well-known for something bad.

Ask your child to name a notorious person they know about from history. What made them notorious?

