

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.

dainty

Something that is dainty is delicate, small, and pretty.

Ask your child to find an object in your home that could be called dainty.

eloquent

If you are eloquent, you use words well to say what you mean and get people to think like you.

Encourage your child to write an eloquent speech about a person or issue they feel strongly about.

shard

A sharp and pointy piece of broken glass, pottery, or metal is called a shard.

Talk with your child about how you would carefully clean up shards of glass.

torment

If something torments you, it causes you great mental or physical suffering.

Ask your child to tell about a character from a story they have read who was tormented.

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disheveled

If someone looks disheveled, their hair or clothes are very messy.

Ask your child to try not to get too disheveled when they go out to play.

excruciating

Something that is excruciating is very, very painful.

Talk with your child about how a loud noise might be excruciating to your ears.

fickle

If someone is fickle, they change their mind a lot about what they think or want.

Ask your child to name a fictional character who is fickle. Why do they think so?

overreact

If you overreact to a situation, you respond to it more strongly than you should.

Recall a time when you overreacted in a situation, then ask your child to recall one.

