

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.

epidemic

If there is an epidemic of something, it affects a large number of people and spreads quickly.

Encourage your child to interview an older family member or friend about epidemics that have happened in their lifetime.

detach

If you detach something, you remove or separate it from another thing.

Have your child show how they detach one building block from another.

evidently

If something is evidently true, there is proof that it is true.

Challenge your child to point out things that are evidently true throughout the week.

gaze

Someone's gaze is how they are looking at something, especially when they are looking steadily at it.

Have a gazing contest with your child to see which of you can gaze the longest without blinking your eyes.



Teacher

destiny

If something is your destiny, it will happen to you and you cannot change it.

Talk with your child about the destinies of some famous people.

bleak

If a situation is bleak, it is bad and unlikely to get better.

Ask your child to tell about a situation that was bleak for a book or movie character. What happened?

presume

If you presume that something is so, you think it is so, but you are not sure.

Ask your child to share something that he or she presumes about your family.

rebuff

If you rebuff someone, you rudely refuse them and make them go away.

Ask your child if someone has ever rebuffed them. Discuss different ways of handling the situation.