

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.

prosper

If someone prospers, they are successful and do very well.

Discuss with your child what prospering at school would be. Encourage them to try to prosper in whatever they do.

reputation

Your reputation is what you are known for or what other people think of you.

Ask your child to tell what they think their reputation might be.

transpire

When something transpires a certain way, it happens or develops that way.

Ask your child to tell you what transpired at school today.

squander

If you squander money or a chance to do something, you waste it for a foolish reason.

If appropriate, encourage your child not to squander their allowance. Discuss which purchases might be squandering.



Teacher

flabbergasted

Someone who is flabbergasted is so surprised that they don't know what to think.

Together with your child, make a list of things you both would find flabbergasting.

altercation

An altercation is a noisy argument or disagreement.

Use altercation to talk with your child about how to resolve arguments with friends or siblings.

speculate

If you speculate about something, you make guesses about what it is or what might happen.

Invite your child to speculate about what might happen this weekend.

verify

If you verify something, you carefully check to make sure that it is true.

Write a friend's phone number on a piece of paper. Then work with your child to verify it by looking in the phone book.