

# 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.

## banish

If you banish someone from a place, you make them go away and stop them from coming back.

Have your child make a face showing how they would feel to be banished from the playground.

## decree

A decree is an official order or decision made by a person or group with the authority to do it.

When you make a decision that is final or official, call it a decree.

## desert

If you desert someone or something, you leave them and stop supporting or helping them.

Ask your child if they have ever deserted a place (left and never went back). Why?

## spare

If you spare someone or something, you save them from being hurt or used for something else.

Ask your child to think of things they can do to spare other people's feelings.



Teacher

## commend

If someone commends you, they praise you in an official way.

Use commend to officially praise your child for something they do this week.

## ruthless

Someone who is ruthless is cruel and will do anything to achieve their goals.

Ask your child to name a fictional character who is ruthless. What happened to them?

## serene

Someone or something that is serene is calm and quiet.

Challenge your child to act serene at the dinner table or at bedtime.

## covert

A covert action or thing is one that is secret or hidden.

Help your child plan a covert mission to do something nice for a family member or friend.