

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.

sulk

If you sulk about something, you are quiet and moody for a while because you are annoyed about it.

Ask your child to think of a time they sulked about something. What finally changed their mood?

jeer

If you jeer at someone, you show you don't like them by saying mean things.

Ask your child to tell about a time someone jeered at someone else on TV or in a movie.

consideration

If you give something consideration, you think about it very carefully.

Encourage your child to "give a situation consideration" when you would like them to think about something.

probable

If something is probable, it is likely to happen or likely to be true.

Think of some weekend activities with your child and discuss which things are and are not probable.



Teacher

fumble

When you fumble for something, you clumsily try and reach for it or hold it.

Challenge your child to say "fumble" whenever they see someone fumbling for something.

pretentious

A pretentious person tries to seem more important than they really are.

Ask your child if they know anyone they would call pretentious. How do they act?

obscure

If something is obscure, most people don't know about it or understand it.

Ask your child to tell you some obscure facts about something that interests them.

assert

When you assert something, you say it firmly because you're very sure of it.

Encourage your child to assert things that they are very sure of.