

Mr. Millett's Class Word-A-Day Daily Homework

Word-A-Day is a daily activity that teaches and encourages students to develop and improve vocabulary, dictionary, writing, research, and alphabetizing skills.

Each day, starting **Tuesday, September 8th**, your child will be assigned a word to look up for homework. Your child is asked to bring the definition to school each morning written out in simple words on a 3x5 card or piece of paper. I strongly encourage students to bring in examples (picture, sample, artifact, etc.), if applicable. Please help your child at first if help is needed. Soon students should become independent in this task and take pride in their ability to use the dictionary and other reference materials.

Students can obtain the definition to the "Word-A-Day" word by looking it up in the dictionary or an encyclopedia (for more in-depth information on the word). They can also ask someone, call someone (including the public library), or even ask a friend, **but they need to write the definition in words they understand.**

At first, students will simply look up the definition and write it in their own words. In a couple of months they will be including the pronunciation. Later, then will be identifying the part of the speech. By mid-year, students will be writing sentences using the word, showing that they know what the word means.

In order to carry out this project each child needs to bring the following items to school by **Tuesday, September 8th**:

1. 200-300 3x5 (recipe) cards with lines
2. One plastic or metal recipe card box to hold the cards (**needs to be able to hold 300-400 cards**)
3. One set of alphabetical index divider cards for the box

Please note: I have several card boxes, alphabetical index cards, and dictionaries that can be borrowed for the year, if you are unable to purchase or find a box. Just let me know if you need to borrow one.

Students will file their "Word-A-Day" words in the file box each day throughout the year. By the end of the year the box will be quite full of words the students have learned.

The "Word-A-Day" project will be a fun way to enhance skills and improve vocabulary. I anticipate some exciting results.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the supplies or procedures for doing "Word-A-Day".

Sincerely,

Mr. Millett

