

SCHOOL-HOME LINKS

Child's name _____

Dear Family, Your child is learning to add to the number of words he or she knows through reading.

- Think about something you read at home or in school.
- What did you do when you came to a word you didn't know?

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- Did you sound it out to see if you knew part of it? _____
 - Did you notice parts of the word that were like other words you know? _____
 - Did you ask help from a grown-up? _____
 - Did you use the other words in the sentence to help you?

 - Did you use a dictionary? _____
 - Which way worked best for you?

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- How do you make sense of what you're reading when there are words you don't know?

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- Reread a book or story that had words you didn't know when you read it the first time.
 - Why is it easier to read the words the second time?

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Dear Family, Your child is learning to work out the meaning of hard words by noticing how they are used in sentences.

- Read this sentence:
As I walked down the street, I heard footsteps behind me and I began to feel **apprehensive**.
- See if you can use the words nearby to figure out what **apprehensive** means. How would you feel if you were alone and thought someone was following you?

- The word **apprehensive** probably means:

- Here's another one:
The woman couldn't read the words on the page, so the story was **incomprehensible** to her.
- Could the woman understand what was written on the page? _____
- The word **incomprehensible** probably means:

- When you are reading at home and in school, look for ways to use nearby words to help you understand words you get stuck on.

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Dear Family, Your child is learning to use a dictionary to find out what words mean.

Sometimes you will need to use a dictionary to help you learn the meanings of hard words.

- Read this sentence:

I looked at my homework with **consternation**.

- What do you think **consternation** means?

- What does the dictionary say the word means?

- What else does the dictionary tell you about the word?

- What do you have to know in order to be able to use a dictionary? _____

- When is it a good idea to use a dictionary to learn the meaning of a new word?

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