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Activities and Events for Language Delight!



Stage Your Own Vocabulary Parade!

Adapt Webster School's Rules for Your Classroom, Library, or Bookstore

In Debra Frasier's book *Miss Alaineus*, Sage's school holds an annual Vocabulary Parade where words are transformed into costumes. Now you can do the same! Use the book's pictured examples—and the ones illustrated here—to start the ideas rolling.



Webster School's Tenth Annual Vocabulary Parade Rules

The all-school, all-grade vocabulary lists for this year have been posted outside the library. You may choose a word from any list. Once you have made your selection, write your room number next to the word. Note that you are not limited to these words and may add a word of your own selection to the list. Your costume can be any creative interpretation of your word. If it is best displayed and defined by more than one person, you may work in teams of up to three people. Remember to include your chosen vocabulary word on the costume somewhere.

Each student must turn in a 3x5" card to his or her teacher BY THURSDAY, with the following information: (1) your name, grade, and room number; (2) vocabulary word; (3) definition; and (4) a sentence describing some aspect of your costume if you think it will help your performance.

Happy Defining!

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SMALL **or** MEDIUM **or** LARGE!

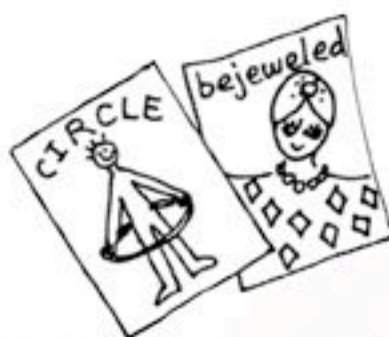
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- Have each participant select a vocabulary word and draw an appropriate costume. Install an exhibition of the drawings and conduct definition tours.

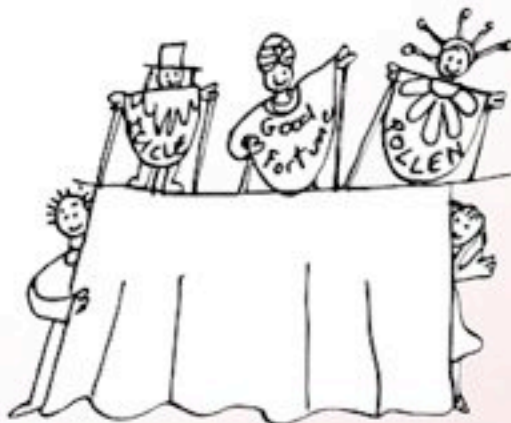
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- Present the drawings in book form.



M MEDIUM

- Make cardboard, paper bag, paper plate, or rod puppets for selected word costumes. String up a curtain for a Parade of Words puppet show!



OR

- Make a Vocabulary Hat Parade. Use bags, paper plates, newspaper, and tape to make hats illustrating the words.

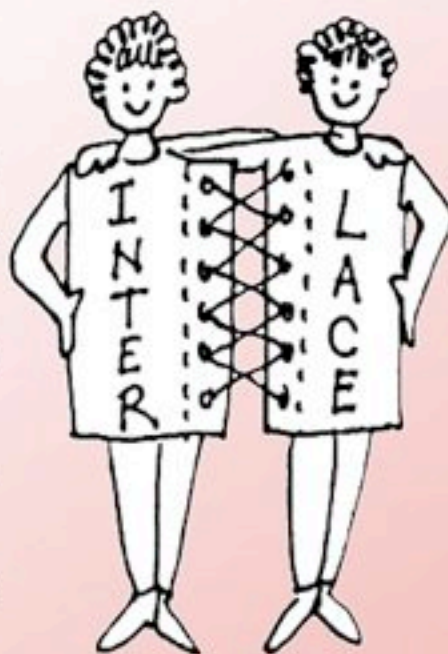


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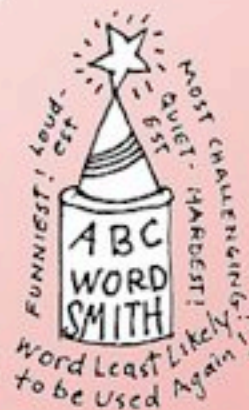
- Select a vocabulary word and make a full costume using newspaper, grocery bags, boxes, roll paper, cardboard "sandwich" signs, cloth, or old sheets.

OR

- Invite parent/child teams to sew, glue, hammer, or otherwise create full costumes to illustrate the selected word.



C Consider Wacky Trophies for Awards....



- Alphabet soup can trophy
- Magnetic letters
- Alphabet blocks

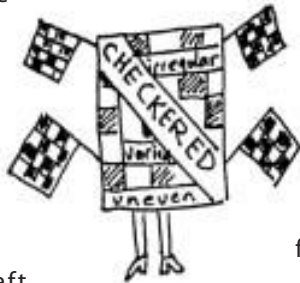
Consider offering twenty-six awards, one for each letter of the alphabet!

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100 Vocabulary Words to Spark Costume Ideas!

B C L

abdomen
abundance
accomplice
adrift
agitation
agony
air
aircraft
annihilate
appendage
arrow
assemblage



egghead
elasticity
error
extravagant
feast
ferocious
flexible
fortification
fruitless



lackadaisical
lightning
litter
luminous
midnight
monarch
monstrous
noteworthy
nourishment



separate
shortsighted
sinister
tendrils
threefold
throng
tidy
transparent
tremendous
tributary

blizzard
blockhead
bookworm
brilliant
busybody



ghastly
gigantic
gyrate
headstrong
heroic
horizontal

obstacle
outskirts
pierce
polestar
ponderous
proboscis
protuberance



unequal
useless
utterly
vacant
vain
vaporize
vigilant

cascade
cavity
celestial
cheerful
closefisted
collision

identical
illuminate
inflame



quiver
radiant
regal

web
workload
writhe

dangle
decoy
disguise
divergent



join
killjoy
king snake
knothole
knuckleball

rejoin
retract
rickety
satellite
scale



x-ray
xylem
yoke
zany
zigzag