



Get Ready for our Vocabulary Parade! A Guide for Families

Who participates? Hargrave Gators

When is it? December 17th 8:15a.m

What is it all about?

Vocabulary parades have become a popular event at schools around the country. It all began with the fabulously creative picture book, *Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster*, a story that celebrates words and definitions. The characters in the book participate in a Vocabulary Parade and contest – and the idea has really caught on! Vocabulary parades are a wonderful way to celebrate our love of words and reading. It also provides a fun *and* academic focus for dressing up in creative homemade costumes.

How do we get ready?

1) Plan

Think of a “juicy” word that would have an interesting costume design. Think about unusual words that others may not already know. Look at the lists of words sent home for ideas.

2) Create

You can recycle all sorts of items around your home to make a creative homemade costume: boxes, poster-board, hats, paper bags, fabric, tin foil, etc.

3) Make a Vocabulary Card/Label

Remember to make a large card or sign with your vocabulary word on it, so we’ll know which word you represent in the parade. You can carry the word, make a headband or hat, or have it as part of your costume. Your word just needs to be visible somewhere on you!

4) Come Prepared

Bring your costume to school with you. Make sure you can put on your costume by yourself, and that you have all of the parts.

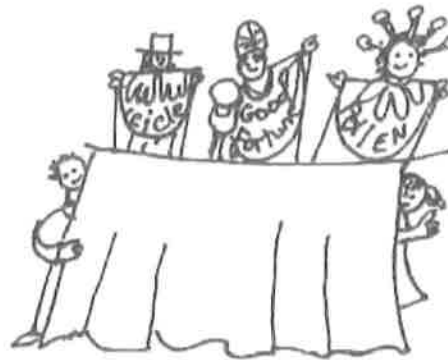
For inspiration in creating your costume, there are lots of great ideas online. For example, check out the slideshow of costumes at www.debrafrasier.com/pages/books/msa.html#_costumes

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Sample Costume Ideas



Draw a Vocabulary Parade. Display or carry in a parade.



Create puppets based on words.



Build Vocabulary hats over existing hats.



Make paper crowns.



Double over white fabric, then draw or paint.



Younger students fit into paper bags. Use poster sheets for sandwich board costumes.



Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster

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More Words for Vocabulary Parade Costume Consideration!

afternoon
ahead
amiss
angel
apart
arise
ax
backyard
basketball
bat
behind
bite
blank
bone
box
branch
bright
bus
call
cash
city
clap
claw
clean
clock
color
cook
core
crash
crooked
crowd
dark
dates
day
dice
dirty
draw
ears

migration
mitosis
molecule
molting
moon phase
multiples
obtuse



fault
friction
fulcrum
galaxy
graph
gravity
habitat
horizontal
hypothesis

everyone
eyes
face
fall
fan
fat
feet
fence
firefly
fix
flag
flash
flashlight
fleet
float
fly
forest
friend
full
furry
glad
go
grow
gumdrop
haircut
happy
hard
hat
hide
hot
house
hurry
ink
inside
jagged
jailed
jam
join



parallel
perimeter
plate tectonics
polygon
product
pulley

camouflage
cell
chromosome
circulatory
circumference
classify
condensation
conversation
currency

juggle
jumpball
jungle
king snake
kingfish
lean
letter
line
lips
little
long
lost
mail
mean
money
mop
muddy
neat
nest
newspaper
night
no
noise
old
open
outside
paint
park
pasta
patch
pet
plunk
popcorn
pound
puzzle
quake
quarter
queen



increase
insulator
intersect
intestine



magnetic
metamorphosis

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recycle
spectrum
symbiosis
symmetry

topography
trachea
vertical

tallies
telescope
temperature
theory
tidal

decade
degrees
denominator
diameter
digestions
ecosystem

equal
equator
equivalent
esophagus
estimate



150 Juicy Vocabulary Words to Spark Costume Ideas!



accidentally
alliteration
ambulance
ancient
applaud
appointment
aquatic
arithmetic
artifact
atom
audience
autobiography
aviary

bamboozle
bandit
bile
beehive
beverage
blissful
blueprint
bountiful
braille
bud
bungalow

calculator
calendar
canyon
caution
ceiling
cell
centimeter
champion
choir
chrysalis
circumference
clarity
cleanse
clock
combination
comfortable
complain
concave
concentration

connection
constitution
contagious
conversation
cooperation
coupon
creative
creature
crisis
crustacean
cumulus
curious
currency
cutlery

dangerous
depart
department
depth
diagonal
dialogue
diameter
digestion
disagreement
disastrous
distance
drowsy

early
earthquake
eavesdrop
echo
educate
eerie
electricity
elevator
emergency
empty
entrance
envelope
equator
exercise
exterior

family
fatigue
faux
fence
fierce
flimsy
fossil
fuel

geology
geometry
gesture
grief

half
haphazard
hemisphere
hero
history
homerun
horizon
hyphen

ignore
imagination
independence
influenza
juvenile
keyboard

lantern
launch
lava
memoir
metal
nerve
nocturnal
nutrition

obtuse
orbit
orchestra
oxygen

palette
parallel
parentheses
perimeter
photogenic
portal
prehistoric

rebound
referee
revolution
scalawag
sedimentary
smog
speckled
subtract
sweltering

touchdown
triangle
triumph
typo
unfurl
utensil

vaccine
vehicle
vertical
volume
yacht