

# WordMasters Challenge

## Grades 3, 4, and 5

The WordMasters Challenge is a vocabulary building activity that introduces students to new words and new ways to thinking about relationships between words. It gives students experience with solving analogies. All children in grades 3, 4, and 5 participate in this activity THREE times during the school year. A word list is introduced at school, it goes home to be studied, and then about a month later a written test is given. Highest scorers for each grade level are recognized and students who improve the most from quiz to quiz.

The first word list is coming home the week of October 7-14. The first WordMasters Challenge will be held on MONDAY, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

While we introduce the word lists at school and teach the children HOW to study, most of the actual work will need to be done at home. Ask your child TODAY if they have brought home their word list. Pick a word on the list each day and talk about what it means. Look it up in the dictionary – online or in print. Does the word have more than one meaning? Does the word have a prefix (common beginning part) or a suffix (common ending part) OR can you add one to this word to make another word? What would be the opposite of this word? Is there another word on this list that means the same thing? Can you draw a picture that shows the meaning of the word?

If you have any questions, please contact your classroom teacher or Denise Gifford (Somers' Instructional Coach) at [dgifford@kUSD.edu](mailto:dgifford@kUSD.edu) or 262-359-3200.