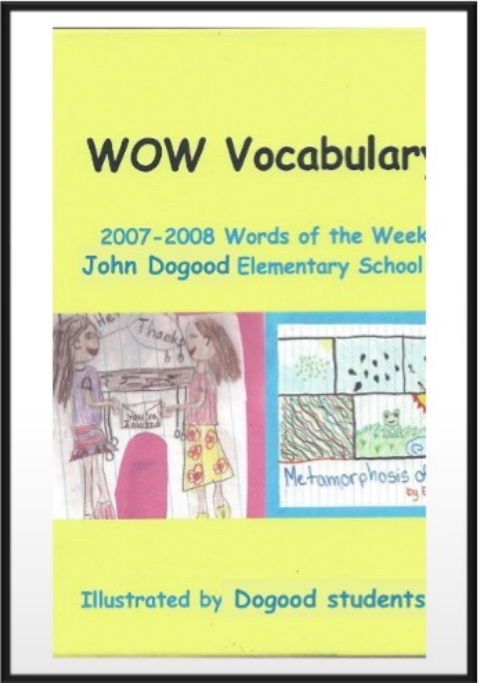
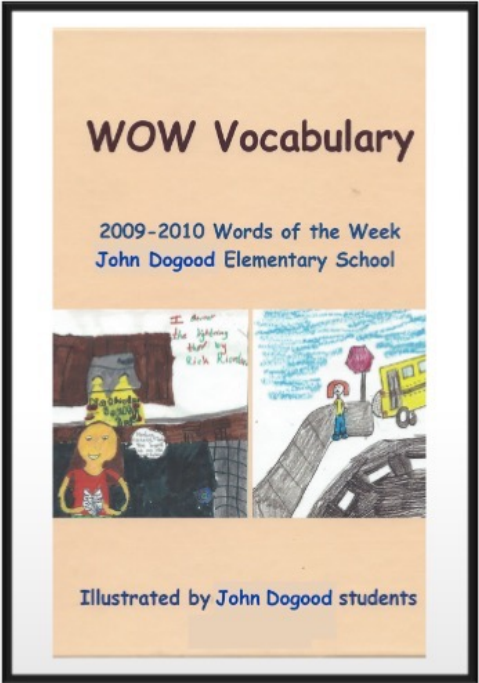
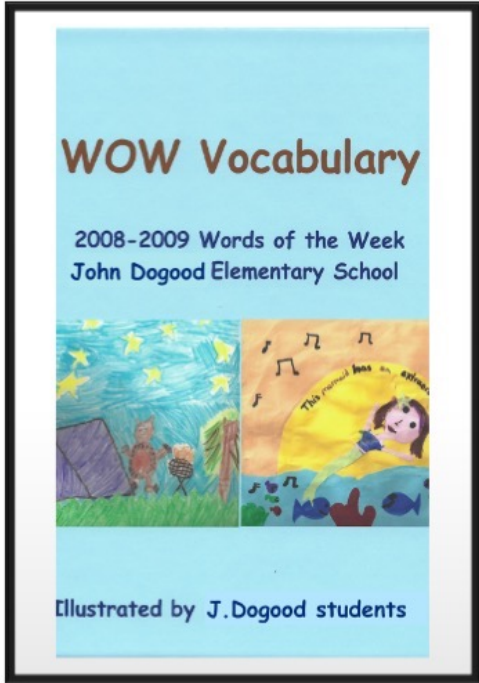


WOW Words

Advanced Vocabulary Enrichment Program



Word Talks and Student Gallery for Schoolwide or Class Enrichment

Year 1

TEACHER INFORMATION

This resource is for use with the **WOW Words** vocabulary enrichment program created by Donna Lasher and *implemented schoolwide at a K-5 elementary school*. You can learn the details of the program [here](#). This is the first year of the program, 33 weeks of word talks.

ABOUT

These "word talks" can be for classroom use or schoolwide use. The talks are labeled "morning announcements" with the understanding that the words will be discussed each morning. If your school has video-based announcements, these talks are still appropriate. You may want to display the words as part of the backdrop behind the speakers.

FRIDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each Friday, the drawings that have been turned in can be discussed in order to recognize students for their extra efforts and reinforce the word meanings. Involving the students in these presentations can increase interest. The announcements may go something like this:

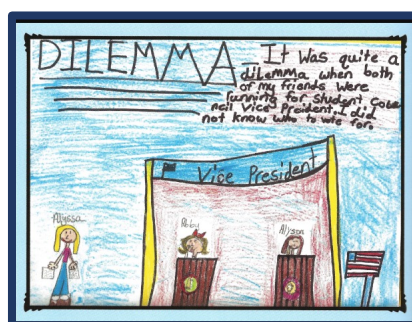
"This week our WOW words are _____ and _____. We've had some wonderful illustrations turned in for our hallway display. Let's hear about a few of these..."

(describe drawings or have student illustrators describe their own)

"We love seeing these drawings go up on our board, and we know it's helping all of us remember the words and their meanings. Thanks to all who have participated this week. Remember, we'll have our drawing at the end of the month for some cool prizes."

MONTHLY

Names of students who have turned in drawings are placed in a hat, and each month one or two (or more) winners are drawn. Prizes might be obtained from local restaurants and movie theaters who wish to support the program.



WOW Vocabulary List

1st 9 Weeks

DILIGENT and LACKADAISICAL

diligent – careful in one’s work

lackadaisical - showing no energy or zest; careless; sluggish

ELATED and JUBILANT

elated – overjoyed; happy or proud

jubilant- filled with joy

CORDIAL and GENIAL

cordial- polite and friendly

genial – nice and kind

REFRAIN and INDULGE

refrain - keep from doing something

indulge – give in to a desire

EXASPERATED and CONTENT

exasperated – greatly annoyed and irritated

content – happy and satisfied

ACCUMULATE and ASSEMBLE

accumulate – to gather

assemble – to gather together

ANTICIPATE and CONTEMPLATE

anticipate- to think about ahead of time

contemplate- to think about deeply; consider

TRANQUIL and COMPOSED

tranquil - peaceful and calm

composed – peaceful and calm even in the midst of an emergency or chaos

RETRIEVE and RETAIN

retrieve – to get something back; to recover something

retain - hold on to something

WEEK ONE

SEND TO TEACHERS VIA EMAIL each Friday before the week's announcements.

Teachers, the WOW words next week are:

DILIGENT and LACKADAISICAL

diligent – careful in one's work; hardworking

lackadaisical – having no zest or energy; sluggish and careless

Suggested uses: “I know if you are diligent and double-check that, you'll find some errors.”

“I am such a lucky teacher; I have not one lackadaisical worker in this room!”

“Which character was lackadaisical in this story?”

“Lackadaisical is a fun word to say... but it's better to be diligent during school hours!”

When the words are announced during the morning announcements next week, please write them on your whiteboard or display them in a conspicuous place. Try to use these words throughout the week, and maybe keep a tally of how often students use the words. On Tuesday, we'll announce the weekly contest.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY

Boys and girls, are you ready for something new? This year, we are going to learn some WOW vocabulary during the morning announcements each week. We call it WOW vocabulary for two reasons. The letters W-O-W stand for “Words of the Week.” But also, WOW vocabulary words are going to impress and WOW your friends and family. These words are the kinds that older and adults students use. But we know that we have the smartest students in the entire state of _____, so we are going to WOW our community with these words we learn.

Okay, let's start with our first word..... It's one we'd like to use to describe every (name of school) _____ student. That word is: **DILIGENT**.

Diligent means “careful in one's work.” A diligent student is one who cares enough to check his work and sometimes double-check and triple-check! Diligent workers are the kind that employers like to hire because they pay attention to what they are doing and are hardworking.

Now, our other word this week is one that is really fun to say.... **LACKADAISICAL**.

Lackadaisical means “having no zest or energy.” A lackadaisical worker is one who doesn't have much energy or pay much attention to his work and doesn't seem very determined to get anything done. So, even though it's fun to say, it's not very fun to be that way during school, because your teachers and parents expect more from you, for your own good! We're hoping we have NO lackadaisical students out there!

DILIGENT and **LACKADAISICAL** are our two WOW words this week. See how often you can use these words in the classroom and at home!

TUESDAY

Yesterday, we introduced our first WOW words... **DILIGENT** and **LACKADAISICAL** (review meanings). This morning, we'd like to announce a little contest. We are going to display these words so everyone can see and remember them, and we'd like to have some pictures or cartoons to put up with the words. If you like to draw, as part of your homework this week, draw a picture that represents one or both of our words. Or write a note telling us about how you WOWed someone by using a WOW word. If you turn something in to the office by Friday, we'd like to put your name in a drawing for a special prize each month. So, keep being diligent in your studies this week, don't be lackadaisical... and we'll be looking for pictures and notes about these WOW words.

WEDNESDAY

This week's WOW words are **DILIGENT** and **LACKADAISICAL**, and I have a story for you. I saw a student walking down the hall yesterday in a very lackadaisical manner... just kind of slowly walking... shuffling his feet... not in any hurry to get back to class and looking in every classroom as he walked by.

I just thought of the word "lackadaisical" because this student seemed to have no energy or zest for life. It seemed as if he was still back in July, walking through a field of flowers on a hot summer day and feeling NO energy. And, you know, sometimes we all feel lackadaisical... we just want to lay down in the shade somewhere and waste away the day... especially when it is really hot outside.

Well, the story I told you about the boy in the hallway was just that.... a story. I made it up. I haven't seen any lackadaisical students strolling slowly through the hallway. When I look in the classrooms, I see many diligent workers who seem happy to be working their brains after a long summer off. Keep up the great work!

And remember our contest... turn in drawings and notes about our words all week long and your name will go in our drawing for a prize.

THURSDAY

Today to practice our WOW words, we have a quick quiz:

- Who seemed a little lackadaisical, the tortoise or the hare? (Pause)
If you know the fable, the hare, the rabbit, was the lackadaisical one who kept laying down to take a nap during the race.
- True or false? A diligent worker is likely to do well and succeed. (True)
- *Here's an analogy:*
Diligent is to lazy as energetic is to _____ (lackadaisical)
Diligent and lazy are opposites and energetic is the opposite of lackadaisical.

One last question:

- What kind of job requires extremely diligent workers?
We could discuss that one a long time but certainly many jobs require being careful about every detail.... astronauts, scientists, writers, air traffic controllers

If you are participating in the weekly contest, drawings and notes about the WOW words must be turned in by this morning. Just bring them down to the office.