

May Reading @ Home

Hello Bear Creek Families!

We are in the final testing season of the school year!!!
This is when your children can show what they know and have learned throughout the year.

This month we will focus on figurative language. According to Performing in Education "figurative language conveys emotion, creates tone and mood, and expresses slight nuances in connotation. These are important clues that help students make inferences and understand the author's purpose."


I have included explanations of the figurative language your child will need to know and some examples of activities. In grades K-1 they focus more on descriptive words. 2nd grade has to identify similes, idioms and alliteration. 3rd grade focuses on metaphors, personification and hyperbole. 4th grade has to know all the figurative language types and explain how it contributes to the meaning of a text, while 5th grade analyzes figurative language.

As always if you have any questions or need support, please feel free to reach out.
Happy reading!


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FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES

simile
Comparing two things
using "like" or "as"

Fast as lightning


Hyperbole
"I'm so hungry
I could eat a horse"
A saying exaggerated beyond
belief to make a point


Idiom
A saying that has a
different meaning than
what it literally says

The homework was
a piece of cake!

alliteration
Same letter or sound
occurring at the
beginning of words

She sells seashells.

metaphor
Comparing two
different things

He is a pig.

personification
Giving human qualities
to a non-human item

Hey you!
Eat me!
It was
begging to be
eaten.

IDEAS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

- This month I have included links to some online games for you to play at home.
- For K-1 there is a descriptive word whack-a-mole game however, 1st grade students can also try their hand at the idiom and simile match game, and alliteration sort ready for 2nd grade.
- For 3-5 I have included two game links that let them practice matching figurative language and try out their skills on a quiz.
- The last link is to a 5th grade text to help them analyze figurative language.

Descriptive word whack-a-mole: <https://tinyurl.com/8e5h9bhr>

K-2

Idiom Match: <https://tinyurl.com/yz99x7zw>

Simile Match: <https://tinyurl.com/hjfhx33h>

Alliteration sort: <https://tinyurl.com/474jdc2r>

3-5

Figurative Language Match: <https://tinyurl.com/eartkesr>

Figurative Language Quiz: <https://tinyurl.com/yd7szm88>

Analyzing Figurative Language text: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxsctd9>