



Get Ready for our Vocabulary Parade! A Guide for Families

Who participates?

All Vernon Elementary School students and Staff.

When is it?

Tuesday, October 31st

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

Select a SCIENCE word from the list provided and create a costume that represents the word.

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

Students may wear their costumes to school that morning. Just make sure costumes allow students to move safely around campus and follow school district dress code.

We are looking forward to learning more about science!