

Weekly Wordplay aims to address the following Iowa Core Standards under Language for 7th grade:

4. I can **determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies**

-I can use **context as a clue** to the meaning of a word or phrase

-I can use **common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots** as clues to the meaning of a word

-I can **consult general and specialized reference materials, both print and digital**, to find the **pronunciation** of a word or determine or clarify its **precise meaning** or its **part of speech**.

-I can **verify the preliminary determination** of the meaning of a word or phrase (**by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary**)

5. I can demonstrate understanding of **figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings**.

-I can **interpret figures of speech** (e.g. literary, biblical, and mythological allusions) in context

-I can use **the relationship between particular words (e.g. synonym/antonym, analogy)** to better understand each of the words.

-I can **distinguish among the connotations (associations)** of words with **similar denotations (definitions)**

6. I can acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate **general academic and domain-specific** words and phrases

-I can gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression

Mondays: new word lesson (using a dictionary resource lesson, context clue lesson, word part-affixes lesson, academic/domain-specific words lesson, synonym/antonym lesson, connotation/denotation lesson, figures of speech lesson, etc.)

Tues.-Thurs: Quick in-class review or practice of Monday's lesson using various teacher- and student-generated strategies

Fridays: short quiz over Monday's lesson

-start each new unit with the verbs from the standards we will be addressing and move to nouns that might be confusing or new.

-incorporate lessons with science, SS, and math academic/domain-specific words