



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “Donovan’s Word Jar” by Monalisa DeGross. In this story, Donovan collects words in a jar. When the jar is full, Donovan asks his grandmother, who lives in a senior citizens’ apartment building, what to do. He does not want to follow her suggestion of giving the words away, but before he knows it, the residents in the building have taken all the words. Donovan’s words lift everyone’s spirits and get the residents to talk and laugh together.

Communicate and Compromise

As you read a story, watch a movie or television program, or talk with your child, call her or his attention to situations in which people are in conflict with one another. Discuss how they could improve the situation by communicating better with one another and by making compromises.

Vocabulary

Day-by-Day Review

The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “Donovan’s Word Jar”:

leisure	disappointment
perseverance	uneasy
compromise	chortle

Discuss the meaning of each word. You might ask your child to use a different word on each day of the week to tell about something that happened that day.



TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

Family Word Jar

This week, have family members collect interesting words. Write each on a slip of paper to go in your word jar. Once a day, share the words. At the end of the week, see how many your child can remember.

Collection Connection

If a family member or friend has a collection, invite him or her to give your child a “tour” of the collection. The person should show the collection and tell about it. He or she might choose several pieces to draw special attention to.

