

NIFTY NOTEBOOKS

MAGNIFYING GIANT STEPS IN VOCABULARY BUILDING



Within this notebook students will:

- alphabetize the pages, giving each letter of the alphabet approximately 2 pages
- leave a section in the back of the book for various word lists such as color words, number words,...etc.
- make outer page tabs for each letter and sub-heading

Whenever you are reading, writing, or listening and come across a difficult word or an unfamiliar word in English, you can write that word down in your Nifty Notebook. By writing it down you will have it recorded so you can go back to it later and look the word up in a dictionary or use a classroom resource such as a friend or Miss Haasl to aid you in decoding the difficult word. These will serve as an **EXCELLENT RESOURCE** for you!

You will be responsible for sharing **ONE** new word or phrase with the class **EACH DAY**.

ESL Standards Covered:

Goal 1, Standard 2: Students will interact with spoken and written English for personal expression and enjoyment.

Goal 1, Standard 3: Students will use learning strategies to extend their communicative competence.

Each student will be given a spiral notebook that will serve as their vocabulary bank. Each student should alphabetize the pages of the notebook, leaving a section in the back for word lists such as color words, number words, etc. Whenever the student is reading, writing, or listening and comes across a difficult word or an unfamiliar word, the teacher will guide him/her to write and illustrate the word on the appropriate page of the nifty notebook, or personal dictionary. Each student's notebook will serve as a handy reference.