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| ***IMPORTANT CONCEPTS YOUR STUDENT SHOULD KNOW AND ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME*** | | | |
| **Books: Ice to Steam and The Westing Game**  **Writing: Sentence Composing and Informational Writing Compare/Contrast** | | | |
| **Important Concepts Addressed in this Unit** | | | |
| \*I can determine the theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in a text.  \*I can compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama.  \*I can explain how a series of chapters, scenes,or stanzas fit together.  \*I can describe how a narrator’s point of view influences how events are described.  \*I can use capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly when writing.  \*I can interpret the meaning of figurative language.  \*I can use context clues to determine the meaning of words.  \*I can use text evidence to support my answer.  \*I can determine the meaning of words based on Greek and Latin affixes and roots. | | | **\***I can make inferences based on what I have read.  \*I can identify the main idea and details of an informational text.  \*I can read and understand informational text.  \*I can write an informational text.  \*I can develop a topic with facts related to a topic.  \*I can use conjunctions to expand sentences.  \*I can use prepositions to expand sentences and add more detail.  \*I can explain the function of an interjection in a sentence.  \*I can write an opinion piece on a topic based on text evidence.  \*I can use reference materials to determine the meaning of a word, along with synonyms and antonyms. |
| **Key Words To Know** | | | **How You Can Help Your Student** |
| **Ice to Steam**  List 1: solid, liquid, gas, precipitation, evaporation, condensation  **The Westing Game**  List 1: luxurious, motive, obituary, heir, inherit, executor  List 2: defiantly, suspicion, alibi, coincidence, timid, paralyze  List 3: restraining, resemblance, irony, tension, plot thickness, share  List 4: deliberately, astounded, “Played right into the man’s hands”, foreshadow, resolution, financier  List 5: witness, confessed, accomplice, charred, crossroads | | | **Flashcards:** Monday’s homework each week will be to create flashcards for the vocabulary words.  **Agendas:** Check for homework and sign each night. |

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| **Sample Problems** |
| Select the correctly spelled word.   1. luxurious lucerious luxereous luxurous   Sunset Towers was the most luxurious building on Lake Michigan.(fill in the blank - recall)  \*\*\* Be able to use different forms of each word in sentences and for fill in the blank questions. Examples: luxuriously, ironic, motives, defied, etc. |