**Expository Writing**

**Vocabulary Words**

**List 2.3 – Week of 11/30**

Abdicate: (verb) to renounce one’s throne (of a monarch) ; to fail to do what is required

*The young prince became king after his older brother decided to abdicate the throne.*

*Of course, it is easier to abdicate your responsibilities than to be a good citizen.*

Acclaim: (noun) strong approval or praise

*Her performance in the ballet earned her critical acclaim.*

Buoyant: (adj) able to float; happy and confident

*After the experiment, we learned that cork is a very buoyant material.*

*The actors were in a buoyant mood as they prepared for their final performance.*

Corrosive: (adj) causing someone or something to become weak and damaged

*The corrosive chemicals damaged the carpet.*

*She argued that drugs are dangerous and corrosive to society.*

Edify: (verb) instruct or improve (someone) morally or intellectually

*As good Christians, we must seek to edify our neighbors about the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

Embody: (verb) to stand as a symbol for something (an idea, quality, feeling)

*The basketball team embodies the spirit of good sportsmanship.*

*The American flag embodies the spirit of freedom.*

Futile: (adj) incapable of producing results

*Unfortunately, all rescue attempts were futile during the hurricane.*

Grandeur: (noun) splendor and impressiveness

*During the tour, the grandeur of the royal palace left me speechless.*

Gratuitous: (adj) uncalled for; given or done free or charge

*The movie contained gratuitous violence and language, and was not appropriate for young teens.*

Unprecedented: (adj) never done or known before

*As the disease spread globally, doctors were overwhelmed by the unprecedented number of deaths.*

*The teacher was amazed by Jack’s unprecedented interest in math class.*