**7th Grade**

**Humor Vocabulary Words**

**May 3-May 7**

1. **association:** A humorous mental connection between thoughts, feelings, or ideas.
2. **double entendre:** A word or phrase that invites two interpretations.
3. **exaggeration:** An enlargement or an abnormal distortion often used to comedic effect within a realistic piece.
4. **incongruity:** A comedic device that pairs unlikely actions or thoughts.
5. **irony:** The use of sarcasm or wit to mean the opposite of what is expressed.
6. **malaprops:** The erroneous use of language by an innocent character. (saying cinnamon rather than synonym.)
7. **hyperbole:** A figure of speech where exaggeration is used for comic effect.
8. **pun:** the humorous use of a word or phrase so as to emphasize or suggest its different meanings or applications, or the use of words that are alike or nearly alike in sound but different in meaning; a play on words.
9. **running gag:** A line or joke introduced early in a piece and then repeated throughout for comic effects.
10. **telegraph:** The act of giving your reading too many introductory details, ruining the ending of your story.
11. **understatement:** A subtle lack of expression used to elicit laughter from the reader.