**Literacy Word of the Month – October**

**Eradicate**

**erad·​i·​cate/ɪˈradɪkeɪt/**

***verb***

**verb: eradicate; 3rd person present: eradicates; past tense: eradicated; past participle: eradicated; gerund or present participle: eradicating**

1. **destroy completely; put an end to.**

**"this disease has been eradicated from the world"**

**Synonyms:**   
**get rid of, eliminate, do away with, remove, suppress, exterminate, destroy, annihilate, extirpate, obliterate, kill, wipe out, liquidate, decimate, finish off, abolish, stamp out, extinguish, quash, erase**

**Antonyms:**

**create, assist, establish, fix, aid, plant**

**Other examples of use in sentences:**

**The disease has now been completely *eradicated*.**

**His ambition is to *eradicate* poverty in his community so that the community can become for affluent.**

**Students need to use this word this month in class and in writing tasks. Its use may lead to a good note been given.**