VOCABULARY
is the knowledge of and memory for word meanings

Books

The Word Collector
by Peter H. Reynolds

One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree
by Daniel Bernstrom

Owl Babies
by Martin Waddell

Fancy Nancy Easy Readers
by Jane O’Connor

How Rocket Learned to Read
by Tad Hills

The Little Red Cat: Who Ran Away from Home and Learned His ABC’s (the Hard Way)
by Patrick McDonnell

Last Laughs: Prehistoric Epitaphs
by Jane Yolen

The Boy Who Loved Words
by Roni Schotter

Activities

Kindergarten/1st Grade
• Name a topic and have your child say all they can think of that relates to the topic. For example, if you say “farm,” your child can say, “cow, tractor, crop, farmer....”

1st Grade/2nd Grade
• Play “Hot Potato” with words. Choose a word, and ask your child to think a word that has a similar meaning. For example, if you say, “gross,” your child could say, “yucky.” Take turns until neither person can think of another word. For added fun, use an object as the “hot potato” while you play or try opposite words.

2nd Grade/3rd Grade
• Guess my word game — using a vocabulary list, give your child three clues to help them guess a particular word. For example, when thinking of the word “weight,” the first clue could be: “You use a scale to measure this word.” You can switch roles and have your child provide the clues.