

## **Tips for Adding Rich Vocabulary to Your Interactions**

**Put up lists.** Hang lists of attention grabbing words in different parts of your learning space.

**Read Aloud!** Reading picture books with challenging, colorful words is a great way to build vocabulary.

**Give hints.** To help children understand unfamiliar words, use visual clues, gestures, and facial expressions.

**Converse, converse, converse!** A culture of conversation will go a long way toward building children's vocabularies.

**Create a world of words.** Sing songs and recite poems with children. Talk about new words as they cup in conversation and books. Make "word for the day" part of the daily routine. Post a sign in the library area "Interesting Words We've Found in Books".

"You're curious about that word, aren't you? I'll read that part again. Do you have any guesses about what it means?"