

# FAMILIES AND LITERACY COMMITTEE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

New year, new you, new words! As we enter into the New Year, it's a great time to think about the new learning you want to engage in this year. Instead of a New Year's Resolution, make it your New Year's Goal to focus on new learning with new words to build your vocabulary. Read on to find various ways to do this!

## WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

### Play Games with Books!

*Be a Word Detective-* Make a Word Catching Kit that includes a flashlight, magnifying glass, post-its, notebook, and pencil. Carry it with you and write down interesting words as you are out in your community or while reading new books.

*Make Your Words Come Alive-* Take your spelling list and find the words out in the real world. See if you can spy them in print, ads, in the community, and while talking to others. Then try to use your words when talking with others.

### Suggestions for What to Watch:

*Super Why!* Super Readers jump into the pages of a book and encounter many adventures with words.

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## BOOK SPOTLIGHT



### *The Word Collector*

written & illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

As Jerome discovers the magic of words all around him through seeing, hearing, and reading, he begins to collect them in his own word catching kit. He learns about how words can connect, transform, and empower him and the world around him.

### *Rocket Writes a Story*

by Tad Hills

Rocket the dog sets out on an adventure, needing inspiration as he is trying to write his own story. While he sets off, he has his friend yellow bird to encourage him. Through looking closely around the world for inspiration, he discovers so much he never noticed before and the idea for his story begins.

