

## Using Leveled Word Cards for English Language Development

- The multiple categories on each card allow you to match activities to a student's level.
- Hold up a card as you introduce that vocabulary word, pointing out the pictures and letters as you sound out the words.
- Pull out the cards for one week and provide them in a center where students may access them as needed to practice and review lesson vocabulary.
- Encourage production of oral language. Have small groups pick a card and read the contextual sentence. Then, have students discuss the content and ideas raised by the sentence.
- Have pairs take turns using them as flash cards to review vocabulary words from previous weeks up to the current week.
- For extra credit or homework, ask students to use Making Word Connections and More Words Connections to: (1) write a definition for one or more words, (2) write a paragraph using as many of the words as possible, (3) choose a word and explain the connection, (4) add words to the list.
- Use the cards any time for one-on-one assessment of word recognition and pronunciation, as well as vocabulary comprehension. Read or show the definition then ask for the word, and vice versa.