

Brief Focus Lesson

Expand Vocabulary: Voracious Reading for Grade 6

Text: *Amelia to Zora: Twenty-Six Women Who Changed the World* by Cynthia Chin Lee

<p>CAFE Goal</p>	<p>Expand Vocabulary</p>
<p>CAFE Strategy</p>	<p>Voracious Reading</p>
<p>Observe/Relate (1 – 2 min.)</p>	<p>What do you know about different ways to learn new words? There are many ways to learn them, but one of the best is by reading a lot of good fit books. Whenever you read, you will encounter a few words that are unique because of the way that they sound or look. Words that are interesting, unusual, or new will make you curious, and every book is filled with them. Once you discover a new word, you'll want to find out what it means right away so that you can use it when you write or talk. The more you read, the more words you will encounter, and the more words you will get to know!</p>
<p>Teach and Reinforce (2 – 3 min.)</p>	<p>Establish purpose – Today we are learning to expand vocabulary by voracious reading.</p> <p>Create urgency – We are learning how important it is to read good fit books voraciously because it helps us to learn new words.</p> <p>Explicit teacher modeling – I always think that one good book leads to another. Let me explain what I mean. I have always admired Eleanor Roosevelt. Some of you might know that she was a great woman who was a First Lady of the United States. I wanted to find out more about her remarkable life, so I read the beautiful picture book <i>Eleanor</i> by Barbara Cooney. Then I discovered another terrific book about Eleanor and her friend, Amelia Earhart, entitled <i>Eleanor and Amelia Go for a Ride</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan. Besides finding out many things about Eleanor's amazing life, I also learned several interesting words when I read those books. A couple of weeks later, I saw the book <i>Amelia to Zora, Twenty-Six Women Who Changed the World</i> by Cynthia Chin Lee (<i>you might want to have all three books on display for interested students</i>). I knew that I wanted to read it since Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt are two of the women featured in the book. That is what happens when you are a voracious reader. After you read one terrific good fit book, you want to read another! I know that I will expand my vocabulary from reading this book. Let's see how many interesting words I can find...." <i>Begin reading the first entry about Amelia Earhart on page 4. Pause as you are reading to point out some of the interesting words including adventurer, propped, steep, somersaulted, flying fever, and solo, etc. Say: "Look at the new words that I discovered—I can add them to my vocabulary! The more I read, the more interesting</i></p>

	<p>words I will meet. As I add them to my vocabulary, I will have more and more words that I can use when I write and talk.”</p>
<p>Practice (2 – 3 min.)</p>	<p>Now I’d like you to brainstorm some ideas about voracious reading to expand vocabulary. I’ll jot down the ideas you share, and then we will sum up our learning. <i>(You might want to have a chart like this prepared ahead of time or write the questions on the board to guide the discussion).</i> After students have finished sharing, invite them to sum up the importance of voracious reading to expand vocabulary.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Voracious Reading to Expand Vocabulary</p> <p>WHO <i>(Who should do voracious reading to expand vocabulary?)</i></p> <p>WHAT <i>(What kinds of books should we read?)</i></p> <p>WHERE <i>(Where can we do voracious reading to expand vocabulary?)</i></p> <p>WHEN <i>(When can we do it?)</i></p> <p>WHY <i>(Why is it so important to do it?)</i></p> <p>HOW <i>(How does it help us to expand our vocabularies?)</i></p> </div>
<p>Encourage and Plan (1 – 2 min.)</p>	<p>I want to see you use the strategy of Voracious Reading to Expand Vocabulary every single day. Remember that there are so many wonderful benefits that you can get through reading, and a bigger vocabulary is one of them. Be sure that you always have a wide assortment of good fit books in your book box. When you read, look for new and interesting words. Find out what they mean. Keep reading every day, and you will keep learning new words.</p>
<p>Common Core Alignment</p>	<p>Most strategies are applicable to all grade levels. Voracious Reading to Expand Vocabulary aligns with Standards RL.6.10, RI.6.10, and L.6.6 on our Grade 6 CAFÉ Menu or CCSS Grade Level Matrix.</p>