**February. A Word Ladder for Valentine’s Day!** 

* Start with the word Love – the emotion celebrated on Valentine’s Day.

**Love Change 1 letter to make a bird that coos.**

**Dove Change 1 letter to make the shortened version of the name David.**

**Dave Change 1 letter to make the past tense of Give. “I gave my mother a box of chocolates for Valentine’s Day”**

**Gave Change 1 letter to make a form of play or wild animals that are hunted for food or sport.**

**Game Change 1 letter to make a word that describes when a person or animal has difficulty walking.**

**Lame Change 1 letter to make a residential street or avenue.**

**Lane Change 1 letter to make a walking stick that may help someone who is lame.**

**Cane Change 1 letter to make a kind of coat or cloak without sleeves.**

**Cape Take away 1 letter to make a hat worn by a baseball player.**

**Cap Change 1 letter to make a mug or container for coffee or tea.**

**Cup Add 2 letters to the end to the character often associated with love and who uses arrows to make people fall in love.**

**Cupid** 

**Now have your students sort these words into words that might have something to do with love, and words that don’t. Encourage your students to think creatively (e.g. Lovers” Lane).**

For more see: Rasinski, T.: *Daily Word Ladders, K-1, 1-2, 2-4. 4-6*

 *Vocabulary Ladders, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*