

# DEMETRI MAKES A MEMORY QUILT

## KEY VOCABULARY LIST

While reading *Demetri Makes a Memory Quilt*, children will encounter rich language. This vocabulary list offers accessible definitions for key words in the book:

- **Quilt** (noun) a bed cover made of two layers of cloth with a filling of wool, cotton, or down held together by patterned stitching
- **Envelope** (noun) a flat paper container with a sealable flap, often used to carry a letter.
- **Jittery** (adjective) feeling nervous or unable to relax
- **Sling** (verb) to throw or fling (expressing a speaker's casual attitude)
- **Eagerly** (adverb) showing an impatient or enthusiastic interest
- **Perfume** (noun) a liquid or spray that smells pleasant
- **Bloom** (verb) to produce flowers
- **Seasons** (noun) the four divisions of the year (spring, summer, autumn, and winter) with different weather patterns.
- **Stitch** (verb) to make, mend, or join (something) with stitches
- **Embroider** (verb) decorated with patterns sewn on with thread.

The story also contains some Spanish words spoken intermittently by Demetri's family. For reference, translations can be found below:

- **Tía** (noun) means "aunt"
- **Mijo** (noun) means "my son" among family or elders
- **Que pasa?** (greeting) means "what's up?" or "what's going on?"
- **¡Feliz cumpleaños!** (greeting) means "Happy birthday!"
- **Besos** (noun) means "kisses"