

Abound Parenting News

Theme: *Suit Up* (week 2)

Lots of parents are asking themselves if their young children are on track with reading skills.

You don't have to wonder and worry.

Take the Abound Benchmark Check-In (in the app Menu) and get an idea of how your child is doing. Then, when you go into your conference this fall, you'll have a handle on where things stand and be better able to work with your child's teacher.

- **This week's WordUp word is AVAILABLE.** Here are 2 more ways to give your child opportunities to hear and use this abstract word.
 - *If you when you went to pick up your baseball uniform and the only hat size **AVAILABLE** was too big for your head, what could you do?*
 - *Sometimes stores don't have all sizes **AVAILABLE** for people to buy. Why do you think stores only keep some clothes sizes in the store, and don't have every size and every color **AVAILABLE**?*
 - **AVAILABILITY** tells us if something is **AVAILABLE**. In stores, a sign saying Limited **AVAILABILITY** means there are not that many **AVAILABLE**; you may or may not be able to get it. At home, why do you think there's often limited **AVAILABILITY** of matching socks??
 - *Remind your child that when something is AVAILABLE, it means it is ready to use or it's possible for you to get it.*
- **How else can you build your child's reading skills through TALK?**

Try these questions taken from different TalkOn age groups this week:

 - *Which word is inside dressing, dresser, dressed and dresses? (dress) Which endings are added to that word? (ING, ER, ED, S) Let's see if we can use each of those words in a sentence!*
 - *Do you think there are any differences between a jacket and a coat? Do you use those words for the same thing, or not?*
 - *Waterproof means that water cannot get through it. Can we think of any jobs where people need waterproof clothing?*
 - *If you read on the first page of a book that the main character always wears polka dots, what would you think that character was probably like? Do you think clothes tell us about a character's personality?*

Don't forget to update your Abound app to get audio – & Spanish!

Your school is providing the Abound app for you to use at home. To get access, you have to start at <https://partners.aboundparenting.com/>. Use the code you received from your child's teacher & follow instructions to download the app on any iOS or Android device.