

# Abound Parenting News

## Theme: *Down on the Farm* (week 2)

**"[T]he role of vocabulary in academic success increases through the grades, and that early vocabulary knowledge predicts reading comprehension skill in later grades."**

(Pierce, Wechsler-Zimring, Noam, Wolf, & Tami Katzir, 2013)

Reading research has long established that children's language skills matter to reading & school success. When you use Abound every day, you help build a child's language skills in small moments of TALK, over time.

- **This week's WordUp word is PRIORITY.** Here are *more* ways to give your child opportunities to hear and use this abstract word.
  - *We have no more toilet paper so I have to **PRIORITIZE** going to the store today. Can you think of anything else we would need to buy that would be a bigger **PRIORITY** than toilet paper??*
  - *I saw that the post office has a way to ship a package more quickly called **PRIORITY MAIL**. Let's think about why **PRIORITY MAIL** is a good name for a way to ship something so that it goes faster than other boxes being shipped the regular way.*
  - *Right now, of all the things you want to do or have to do, what's your greatest **PRIORITY**?
    - *Remind your child that a **PRIORITY** is something that's more important than other things. **TO PRIORITIZE** (an action word or verb) means to figure out (and sometimes act on) what is most important.**
- **How else can you build your child's reading skills through TALK?**  
**Try these questions taken from different TalkOn age groups this week:**
  - Let's figure out what rhymes with bees and begins with the /sn/ sounds. (sneeze!) Now let's figure out what rhymes with bees and begins with the /ch/ sound? (cheese)
  - A herd is a big group of animals that lives together in the wild or is kept together on a farm. If you were a farmer, would you rather have a big herd of cows, or just a couple of cows? Why?
  - Why do parents and caregivers teach little children all the sounds that farm animals make?
  - If it's your job to feed animals on a farm and make sure they have fresh water, how do you make sure you don't forget? Would it matter if you did forget? Why?
  - Since the late 1800s, farmers have used fences to keep their animals on their farms and keep wild animals out. Do you think that putting up fences is ever a bad idea? If so, when?

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