

# Abound Parenting News

## Theme: *Into the Woods* (week 1)

This week's WordUp word is **RESTRICT**. Here are 2 more ways to give your child opportunities to hear and use this abstract word.

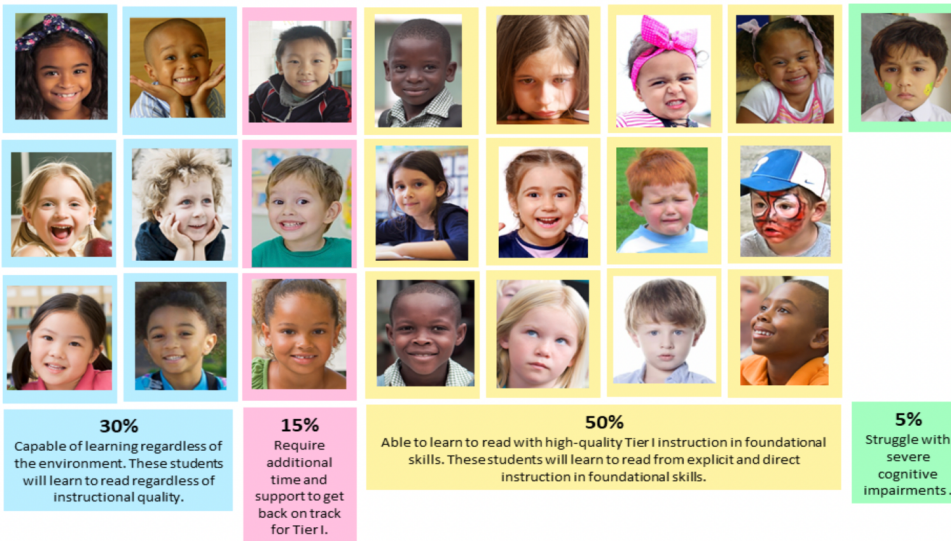
- Why do you think that schools **RESTRICT** children from eating during class? What if kids get so hungry that they can't do their work?
- Some **RESTRICTIONS** keep people safe, and other **RESTRICTIONS**, for other reasons, keep people from going where they aren't allowed to go or doing what they might want to do. When you're **RESTRICTED** from riding your bike on a golf course, is that to keep you safe, or for other reasons, or both? Let's talk about other **RESTRICTIONS** and why they were put in place. (e.g., only 1 candy per person at Halloween, no dogs allowed in a store)
  - Remind your child that **RESTRICT** means to not let someone do something at all, or to not let someone do something as much as the person might want to.

### How else can you build your child's reading skills through TALK?

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

- Someone named \_\_\_\_\_ wandered into the sleeping bear's den. Let's think of a name that rhymes with den and fits in that blank. (e.g., Jen, Ben, Gwen))
- There are lots of trees in the forest. Can we think of any foods that look like trees? (e.g., broccoli, celery stalks, pretzel rods!)
- Forests are big pieces of land with lots of trees thickly grouped together. The woods have lots of trees, too, but they are smaller areas of land than forests. Would you call the areas with trees near you the woods, a forest, or neither?
- Do you think it would be a good idea to fly a kite in a forest? Why?

### LEARNING TO READ Kindergarten!



This powerful graphic shows that with the appropriate instruction in foundational skills, 95% of children can learn to read in the early elementary years. To learn to read **well**, children need these foundational skills PLUS lots of exposure to rich language through reading and talking, as well as lots of opportunities to build up knowledge of different subjects.

**School instruction**  
+  
**Abound use at home**  
gives children  
foundational skills PLUS  
the extra dosage of  
language skills they need  
to succeed!