

Abound Parenting News

Theme: *On With the Show!* (week 2)

Which literacy-based things should parents try to do every day to build the skills a young child needs to read well all through the school years?

- **Read (or listen to) books that the child can't read on his/her own & talk about the ideas in the books together.** This connects the two of you through stories and ideas and gives your child more exposure to the language of print. The language of print is very different from the language we use to speak to each other. Children need to be really familiar and comfortable with this kind of language to read well through the years – and that takes lots of exposure, starting early.
- **Give a child more opportunities to hear and use complex ideas and words through high-quality conversation.** Those topics can be hard to come up with on your own so Abound makes it easy with 2 questions per day. It helps you expose your child to specific abstract words and learn how words “work,” too. Word awareness is linked to reading outcomes and vocabulary knowledge is, too.

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

- *Instead of eating Turkey for Thanksgiving, could we **SUBSTITUTE** a different food? What food would we have as a **SUBSTITUTE**? Do you think others would mind?*
- *If I drink coffee with milk and sugar and there is no milk for coffee, I can **SUBSTITUTE** half-and-half or cream, but what could I **SUBSTITUTE** if we were out of sugar?*
- *In World Cup soccer games, teams get to make five **SUBSTITUTIONS**. That means they can take 5 players off the field and put a different 5 players on the field over the course of a game. Why do you think the teams can't just make as many **SUBSTITUTIONS** as they want?*
 - *Remind your child that **SUBSTITUTE** means to use one thing or person in the place of another thing or person.*

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

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

- *If you're talking at the theater, an usher might make this sound. To find the answer, listen to the middle sound in the word usher! /sh/ What letters make that sound? (SH)*
- *Why do people eat during movies? Do you think people should be allowed to eat popcorn and other snacks, when they're watching a live production of a play, right in front of them on a stage?*
- *Theaters in the round have seats all around with the stage in the middle, or seats on three sides of the stage. Where would the audience be if you were on a stage performing in the round right now? What's different about that set up?*
- *If you and a friend were watching a movie that she'd already seen, and right in the middle she told you everything that was going to happen, how would you feel? What would you do, or say?*

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