

Abound Parenting News

Theme: *Into the Woods* (week 2)

To learn to read well, both schools and families have jobs to do. The good news is that a family's "job" includes some of the same things that help you feel confident as a parent, and help you create joy and connection between yourself and your kids. With the help of Abound, it's a win-win.

- When take the Abound Check-In, and ask the daily 2 questions, you'll find yourself becoming more and more educated on what your child needs to learn at his/her current age, and you'll get to witness your child thinking deeply and becoming curious about words and ideas.
- When you listen to or read the suggested books weekly, you'll get time to enjoy & talk about books together, and you'll be building up your child's exposure to the language of text and knowledge about the world.

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

- To **MAINTAIN** something means to keep it in the same strong condition it is in today. We have to **MAINTAIN** a garden by watering plants and weeding, and we also have to **MAINTAIN** a car or a lawn mower to keep it working the way it should. But we also have to **MAINTAIN** relationships, so we stay connected to people we care about. What's hard about **MAINTAINING** a relationship with someone who lives far away?
- Car **MAINTENANCE** is taking care of or **MAINTAINING** a car to keep it continually running well. Do you hear part of the word **MAINTAIN** in **MAINTENANCE**? If you were in charge of **MAINTENANCE** at school or at home, what's something you could help fix?
 - Remind your child that **MAINTAIN** means to take care of something so that it stays working. Something that's **MAINTAINED** is less likely to suddenly fall apart or stop working.

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

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

- Flying squirrels *glide* from tree to tree using web-like membranes connecting from their wrists to their ankles. Which four sounds do you hear in *glide*? (/g/, /l/, /i/, /d/) If you were a flying squirrel, point to where the membrane would connect on you!
- Many rainforest monkeys have *prehensile* tails. A *prehensile* tail acts like an extra hand because it can grasp and hold things. If you were an animal, would you rather have a *prehensile* tail, or wings so you could fly? Why?
- In 1944, the U.S. Forestry Service created Smokey the Bear. Smokey's slogan was, "Only YOU can prevent forest fires." Why do you think that message from a cartoon bear helped to lower the numbers of wildfires?

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

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