Best wishes for a happy holiday season! The Abound Team

## Abound Parenting News Theme: *Celebrations* (week 2)



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

- Sometimes we have big celebrations for holidays, and sometimes we just have MINOR events with fewer people and less work for everyone! I think that MINOR events can be just as fun as big parties, or even more fun. Let's think of a MINOR celebration we had that was really fun in the end.
- When you fall down outside and get a cut, how do you decide if a cut is **MINOR** and you can ignore it, or if it is a big or major cut that you need to stop playing and take care of?
  - Remind your child that MINOR means not very important or serious. The word MINOR comes from a Latin word for small. (Major is the opposite of MINOR.)

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

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

- Belle's birthday balloons burst. All those words begin with the same /b/ sound and the letter B. Can we think of an animal that begins with that same /b/ sound? (e.g., bobcat, bear, bunny)
- On July 4th each year, we celebrate Independence Day, the day in 1776 when the American colonists declared their independence from the British king. Most people call that holiday The Fourth of July. Should we call **all** holidays by their calendar dates? Why or why not?
- The word federal means anything having to do with a country's government. Federal holidays in the U.S. are days that banks, schools, and many businesses are closed. Let's name as many federal holidays as we can!
- Some people tell everyone they meet when it's their birthday. Other people don't. What about you? Do you think kids tell people about birthdays more than adults do?

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