

Abound Parenting News

Theme: *Mountain High* (week 2)

Start this year off right:

Feel good about what *you're* doing to help your child become a strong reader

- **Know if your child is on track** – by taking the Abound Benchmark Check-In (found in the menu)
- **Build up your child's reading skills each day** – by having easy, playful, back-and-forth conversations using 2 questions from the Abound TalkOn & WordUp features. Make it a routine by finding a regular time of day to ask the two questions!
- **Read to your child or listen to books together** – by using the Abound recommended books in the BookOut feature or other books you have at home. Abound books help your child think deeply and learn about the theme as you read & talk together. Knowledge about a lot of different words and things is key to reading success in the years to come.

Abound WordUp word of the week: **OCCUR**

If you use Abound's WordUp feature, your child will get 7 opportunities to hear and use this abstract word. Here are 3 more!

- To **OCCUR** means to happen. What do you think would **OCCUR** if you went hiking in the mountains with fancy shoes on?
- To **OCCUR** means to happen and an **OCCURRENCE** is something that happened, an event of some kind. Do you hear **OCCUR** in **OCCURRENCE**? Is it an unusual **OCCURRENCE** for you to get up really early in the morning, or do you get up really early often?
- If something **OCCURS to you**, it means you thought of it. Has it ever **OCCURRED to you** to you that someday you might be taller than the adults in your life?

This week's featured TalkOn question to inspire more TALK at home:

- Roads that go through the mountains often have *hairpin turns*, turns that are so tight you feel like you're going back where you came from (like the shape of bobby pins that are used in hair)! **Why do the turns have to be like that on mountains?**

The Abound app is being provided free for you to use at home.

To get access, you have to start at <https://partners.aboundparenting.com/>. Use the code you received from your child's teacher or afterschool staff member & follow instructions to download the app on any iOS or Android device.

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