

ABRSD/Abound update

Only 74% of people in our country know that the Earth revolves around the Sun.

Reading and talking about space this week will help your child start to learn the basic facts about our solar system, but it might also inspire a passion for astronomy or a curiosity about life in space. Take this chance to expand your child's thinking and build up conceptual knowledge about something that will surely inspire awe and wonder – space.

This week's Abound Parenting ABRSD news:

- **We are in week 2 of our *Starstruck* theme.**
- **The academic word **SECURE** is the focus of this week.** Try these examples to work even more exposures to the word **SECURE** into your child's days -- or make up your own!
 - “When you're inside during a storm, you're safe and **SECURE**. If you ever get scared about thunder or big winds, what do you do to feel more **SECURE**?”
 - “A **SECURITY** blanket is what a child carries or holds onto to feel **SECURE**. Some kids have stuffed animals or other things that are like **SECURITY** blankets. Do you (or did you) have anything like that to make you feel **SECURE** when you were little?”
 - “Astronauts have to **SECURE** themselves to the International Space Station when they sleep so they won't float around. What if you had to **SECURE** yourself to your bed??”
 - Remind your child that **SECURE** means protected from danger or harm, or attached firmly to something.
- **Here are a few of our favorite questions from various age groups this week.**
 - *Galileo* was a famous Italian astronomer born in 1564, who used the newly-invented telescope to study the stars. Change the // sound in the third syllable of *Galileo* to an /m/ sound and create a word for something fancy to put on a sandwich!
 - The food for the International Space Station has to be food that doesn't make crumbs, because with little gravity, the crumbs would float everywhere and could clog equipment. What kind of food do you eat that doesn't make crumbs?
 - What smells in nature would you miss most if you were on the Space Station for six months?
- Look for the BookOut speaker icon to get read-aloud links for this week's books.

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