

All Around Town!

By participating in Play K at the library with the All Around Town playscape, your child had experiences with vocabulary and concepts centered on the theme of community and citizenship. The best way to help your child learn new vocabulary and concepts is through repeated practice over time. Here are five ideas for practicing your child's new learning at home. Enjoy!

1. Use the new words your child learned from this playscape, as often as possible. The more times your child hears and uses new vocabulary, the easier it is to learn! For example, "Let's play a game to see how many different **community helpers** you can name." Sing the following song from storytime and help your child with the answers, if needed.

What's My Job? (Tune, "Are You Sleeping?")

What is my job? What is my job? Can you guess? Can you guess?

I help people get well. I help people get well.

Who am I? Who am I?

*Other verses: I deliver letters. I help keep you safe. I keep your pets healthy. I can teach you new things.

- 2. Make a list of all of the different helpers in your community and talk about their jobs. Ask your child to draw pictures for each community helper to help identify him or her (for example, a tooth for the dentist, a mailbox for the mail carrier, etc.). Post the list where family members can see it and comment on the different community helpers.
- 3. Sing this song from Storytime together:

Good Morning Song (Tune, "Happy Birthday")

Good morning to you!

And how do you do?

I am the doctor, healing people like you!

Additional verses:

I am the dentist, giving tooth care to you.

I am the firefighter, fighting fires for you.

I am the police officer, solving crimes for you.

I am the mail carrier, bringing letters to you.

I am the teacher, teaching children like you.

I am the librarian, lending books to you.

4. Log-on to *Bookflix* for free, courtesy of your public library and PowerLibrary.org! This wonderful site allows your child to read e-books and play games related to a variety of themes. All you need is your library card. Here is the link and a list of the titles related to community and citizenship: http://kids.powerlibrary.org/Remote/Remote.asp

Fiction: *Do Unto Otters*Nonfiction: *We are Citizens*

5. Here are some additional books your child may enjoy. Ask your librarian for these and other titles related to community and citizenship!



