This week your child is reading *José! Born to Dance*, a biography of the dancer José Limón.

**Vocabulary on the Go**  
Ask your child to name an admired singer, dancer, actor, or other performer. Talk about some of the things that performer may have done to become successful. Try to use some of these words:

- stubborn
- discouraged
- triumph
- debut

**Future Author**  
Ask your child to write the title of a book he or she might like to write someday. Then interview the “author” with questions such these:

- Why did you write your book?
- Why will your readers enjoy reading your book?
- Is your book written mainly to entertain readers, to give them information, or to persuade them to agree with you?

**Creative Careers**  
Talk with your child about why dancing is considered a creative career. Take turns naming as many careers as you can in which people use their imagination to create new things or express themselves. Try to include careers that are not in the arts, too.

Ask your child to choose one of the careers. Then help your child write a want ad for a job in that career. List different qualities that the job requires.
**Acrostic Poem**  Read and discuss this poem with your child. Point out that in an acrostic poem, each line of the poem begins with a letter of a word.

**Dancing**
Dare to leap
And click your heels
Nimbly land to
Circle and whirl
Into the air you soar
Now soar again
Graceful in flight

Help your child write a new acrostic poem using a different word—the name of a kind of dancing or a sport in which athletes move gracefully.

**Choreograph It**  José Limón was a choreographer as well as a dancer. A choreographer creates the movements and steps that dancers follow. Choose music that is fun to dance to, and have your child choreograph a few moves for you to follow.

**Book Links**
- *The Best Book of Ballet*, by Angela Wilkes
- *Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!* by Bob Spitz

**Internet Challenge**  Find pictures and music online as you learn about ballets in which a story is told through dance, music, and drama. Popular examples include *The Nutcracker*, *Rodeo*, and *Swan Lake*.