This week your child is reading *Moon Runner*, a story about two girls whose friendship is challenged by their competition in running.

**Vocabulary on the Go**  Tell your child about a time you played a sport or a game. Then ask your child to interview you about the experience and the lesson you learned from it. Try to use some of these words.

jealous  especially  deliberately  vanished  gigantic

**Friends, Friends, Friends**  Together, name familiar books, TV shows, and movies in which the main characters are friends. Talk about the challenges that the friends face in the stories, like jealousy or misunderstandings. Are the characters’ problems like those of real friends? How are they similar and different?

**Runners’ Reasons**  Use the newspaper, magazines, or the Internet to find out about a race that is run in your community. Together, name different reasons that runners may want to participate in the race.

Help your child make a poster to advertise the race. Include some of the reasons you discussed about why runners would want to participate.
Sayings About Success  Read and discuss these sayings with your child. Each saying expresses different ideas about winning and success.

It’s not that you won or lost; it’s how you played the game.

You win some, you lose some.

Failure teaches success.

If you don’t make mistakes, you don’t make anything.

He that stays in the valley shall never get over the hill.

If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.

A Saying to Remember  Together, think of some other familiar sayings, such as “Two heads are better than one” or “The early bird gets the worm.” Then talk about personal experiences that demonstrate the meaning of several of them.

Book Links
- *Ricardo’s Race/La Carrera de Ricardo*, by Diane Gonzalez Bertrand
- *Winning Words: Sports Stories and Photographs*, by Charles R. Smith, Jr.  CHALLENGE

Internet Challenge  Choose a sports figure your child admires. Together, use the Internet to find quotations from the player about his or her attitude toward winning and success. Do you agree with the athlete? Why or why not?