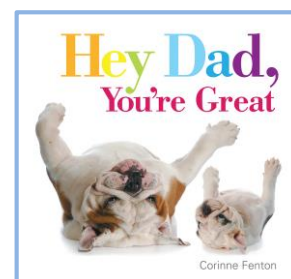




Hey Dad You're Great By Corrine Fenton

Corrine Fenton has created another very appealing and heartfelt book for young children. Each double spread features close up photos of one or two animals, with simple text that conveys feelings of love and affection. **Hey Dad, You're Great** has a visually striking format; white backgrounds, which allow the photos and the playful typography to feature.



From the two adorable dogs on the front cover to the curious squirrel on the back, **Hey Dad You're Great** is a touching and endearing testament to all fathers big, small and furry!

Key Message for Parents | The Best Learning Happens in Nurturing Relationships

Research tells us healthy brain development is dependent on consistent, caring relationships in stable, nurturing environments. Let's ensure young children have the best possible start by:

- Providing an environment that is predictable and calm
- Being a good role model and talking to children in a respectful way
- Showing children we care by valuing their achievements big and small
- Establishing routines that work for you and baby. Making special time during the day for 1:1 time together, playing, reading or just sitting and singing together in the garden. A consistent sleep routine is beneficial too.

Learning Outcomes | Outcome 1: Children Are Effective Communicators

As educators we can implement this outcome by:

- Being responsive and attentive when interacting with babies. Use lots of eye contact when talking to babies. Learn each baby's name in your group, and make them feel they are special with lots of smiles
- Listen to babies. Their sounds and noises, gurgles and cries are how they communicate. Mimic the sounds they make and offer some sounds of your own. Try putting into words what you think they are saying by tuning into to their behaviours
- Watch for signs that baby is tired (pulling ears, leaning away etc.) It is their way of showing you they need a rest or a break from that activity
- Sing as much as you can - babies love music and don't mind how well you can sing, they just love to hear your voice.

Find booklists, tip sheets, nursery rhymes and activity and learning time sheets @

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Welcome

Ask carers to write nametags for themselves and their babies. Welcome everyone, introduce yourself, remind adults to turn their mobile phones off and that there will be time for adults to chat after the story and songs.

Welcome Song (or your preferred song)

Have the words available as a handout or written on a board or butcher's paper for the adults to read and join in.

Welcome song - Come Along

Come along and sing with me, sing with me

Come along and sing with me, It's time for story time

Repeat and replace 'sing' with bounce, rock, clap etc.

Come along and bounce with me, bounce with me, bounce with me

Come along and bounce with me, it's time for story time

Songs

Inanay (A traditional Torres Strait Island lullaby in Yorta Yorta language)

Inanay gupu wanna

Inanay gupu wanna

Ay ay ay oola

Oola oola oola ay

Yippee yay yippee yay

Goo wana goo wana Goo wana goo wana Goo wah - Choo!

Goo wana goo wana Goo wana goo wana Goo wah - Choo!

(baby could be held, rocking to and fro)



Encourage parents to sing facing their baby so that baby can watch their mouth move as they sing and talk – this helps babies learn to speak themselves.

Daddy Works With One Hammer

Daddy works with one hammer, one hammer, one hammer

*Daddy works with one hammer, and then he works with two!
(make two fists)*

Daddy works with two hammers, two hammers, two hammers

*Daddy works with two hammers, then he goes to sleep
(cuddle baby)*



Before Reading

Make sure babies and parents are seated comfortably - you might like to sing a 'getting ready to begin' song. This one is sung to the tune of *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*

"Let's get ready to read a book

Settle down and have a look

Ears are listening, eyes to see

We are ready, you and me

Stories, songs and lots of rhymes

Here is our book, its story time!

Today's story is called ***Hey Dad, You're Great*** by Corrine Fenton. It's a celebration of Dads, and a special book to share with your loved ones. (Be mindful that families come in all shapes and sizes)

During Reading

Corrine Fenton's text reads like a voice talking, and thus it is easy and fun to read aloud. Sometimes the font is enlarged and bold, begging for more volume. Other times it appears quietly in the upper corner coupled with a gorgeously sweet photo. Encourage parents and carers to copy the animals and give their baby '*the squeziest hugs*', the '*sneakiest tickles*' and tell their baby they love them.

After Reading

Share this happy and fun song together – **Skiddermarink!** Encourage parents and carers to face their babies.

Skiddermarink a dink a dink

Skiddermarink a doo

I love you!

Skiddermarink a dink a dink

Skiddermarink a doo

I love you!

I love you in the morning and in the afternoon

I love you in the evening and underneath the moon

Oh Skiddermarink a dink a dink

Skiddermarink a doo - I love you!

You can find the Skiddermarink song on Youtube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ug1pl-Ephns>



Activity time

Sticky Love Heart

Stick heart shaped contact, (sticky side facing out) to a wall, window or low table. Have a range of materials such as paper, felt, pom-poms, for tots to pick up and stick onto the heart.

What you need:

- Contact
- Masking tape
- Assorted materials to stick! (Coloured paper shapes, pom-poms, ribbon etc.)

This is a sensory group activity that parents and young ones can enjoy together. Make sure parents and carers let the children explore freely and enjoy this sensory experience together. Parents might like to try it at home-leaves or flowers collected from the garden work well for a nature collage.



Goodbye

Conclude the session with some suggestions of books that parents might want to share with their children. The Little Big Book Club suggests the following books to support learning in this area.

- **You Are My Special Baby** by Carol Chataway and Danny Snell
- **Hey Mum, I Love You** by Corrine Fenton
- **See Me Move** by Sascha Hutchinson and Heidi Linehan
- **Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes** by Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury

Goodbye Song

Depending on the size of your group, you may wish to insert each child's name in the place of 'you' as it develops a more personal relationship between yourself, the child and the family.

Sung to the tune of (*Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*) **or** your preferred choice.

Goodbye

This is the way we say goodbye (use a waving action)

Say goodbye, say goodbye

This is the way we say goodbye

To all our library friends (or) (to our friend.....)!