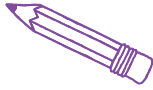


# ACTIVITY TIME

## Featured Stories Program

books  
for  
babies



Book title: **HEY DAD, YOU'RE GREAT**

By Corinne Fenton

*Hey Dad, You're Great* is a beautiful story filled with photographs of many different animals and lots of new words for your baby to hear. Sharing stories again and again is an activity that will help you to introduce your baby to new and exciting words. Take time to snuggle up with your baby and enjoy exploring books together.

### Activity: Snuggle up!

#### You will need:

- You and your baby.

#### Instructions:

- Make time to spend with your baby free from distractions
- Snuggle up with your baby, holding them close
- Share stories with your baby, take time to look at the pictures and talk about what is happening in the story
- Talk with your baby and sing songs. Songs with gentle actions such as Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star or Open Shut Them are perfect to share with your baby.

#### Further information

Babies are taking in the world around them and are constantly learning through loving interactions with caring adults. When children feel safe and secure they are more confident to try new experiences. Create a nurturing environment by paying whole attention to your child. When you turn off distractions and spend one-on-one time with your baby you are helping them to understand they are special and this is when the best learning can happen.

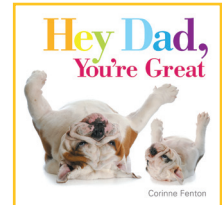
Many people say they aren't sure how to "play" with their baby. Examples of activities that are perfect to share with your baby are sharing stories, singing songs and chatting with your baby. You are their favourite play thing, and they will love listening to your voice and watching your face as you speak with them. Take time to talk with your baby about what you are doing, seeing or hearing during every day activities. The more words we use, the more words babies are hearing and this helps support their vocabulary development.

#### Songs

*Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Open Shut Them and Round and Round the Garden.*

#### Key message

The best learning happens in nurturing relationships.



**Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.**

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