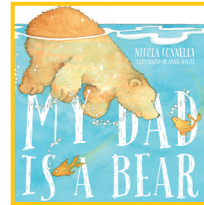


Theme: Dads and books

Book title: MY DAD IS A BEAR

By Nicola Connelly and Annie White



Building new bonds

You will need:

- You and your baby
- A significant male your baby knows, for eg Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, Best Mate or someone you know.

Instructions:

1. Arrange a time for your baby to chat, talk, share a story, listen and interact with a significant male in their life.
2. Encourage them to start by reading some books and talking about the story or pictures. Or if they prefer, talk about a happy childhood memory, something they enjoy doing during their day, or describe their favourite past-time.

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

Further information

1. Spending quality time with males has a significant impact on baby's vocabulary and conversation skills, as well as social, emotional and physical development. Men generally talk and listen to babies differently and select different books (or reading material) to share with them.
2. Enjoy sharing books, newspapers, maps, technical manuals, hardware catalogues (Stratco or Bunnings), sports results or even road signs. The important element is that they both enjoy reading and talking together, and where possible, do it regularly.

Useful links:

Dad's read – <http://dadsread.org.au/>

Great Start – <http://www.greatstart.sa.edu.au/>

Raising Children – <http://raisingchildren.net.au/fathers/fathers.html>

Key Message: Children learn best in nurturing relationships.

For more book suggestions, tip sheets, nursery rhymes, songs and fun things to make and do please visit:

thelittlebigbookclub.com.au

