

# Hatchlings Headlines

**WELCOME**




**Hello, Hatchlings Families!**  
Let's get to know each other & the program.

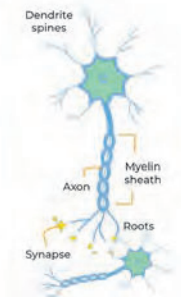
**Hello Everybody, Yes Indeed**

**ABOUT THE BRAIN**

**We learn through connections.**

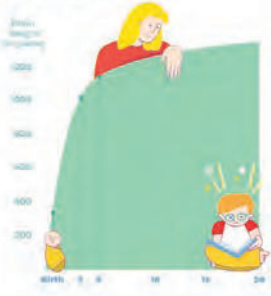


Our brain is full of cells, called neurons, and they look like that skinny little neuron. When a child is born, there are billions of these neurons in the brain. You can mimic these brain parts with your hands.



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**ABOUT THE BRAIN**




**The majority of connections in the brain are formed in the first 3 years of life.**

That's why it's never too early to talk, sing, share books and play!

**Talk, sing, share books & play**

**To your child, your voice is the most beautiful sound in the world.**



Children love hearing the same stories. Cardboard books are the best for babies, and black and white pictures are the easiest for newborns to see.

*once upon a time*


**There are many ways to read a story...**




**and even sing a song!**

**Use familiar tunes to bring the book to life!**


**Hello, sun**  
Yes indeed, yes indeed, yes indeed.  
Hello, sun, yes indeed,  
Yes indeed my baby.




**What's going on, bird?**  
Yes indeed, yes indeed, yes indeed.  
What's going on, bird? Yes indeed,  
Yes indeed my baby.




**Bonjour, flowers**  
Yes, indeed, yes indeed, yes indeed.  
Bonjour, flowers, yes indeed,  
Yes indeed my baby.



**What's up, clouds?**  
Yes indeed, yes indeed, yes indeed.  
What's up, clouds? Yes indeed,  
Yes indeed my baby.




**Hello Sun, Yes Indeed**



**The brain likes to remember happy moments.**


Your song is even more powerful if you smile when you sing.



 **I've Got Something in My Pocket**

**Name the parts of the body as you sing about them.**

"Can you kick with two feet, Two feet, two feet? Can you kick with two feet? Kick, kick, kick, kick, kick..."


Continue with more verses: clap with two hands, wave with two arms, kiss with two lips.

 **Can You Kick with Two Feet? & Outside it is Hot**


**Rocking comforts, but dancing rocks!**


Movement fires up the brain.

 **Hokey Pokey!**

Have fun and be playful! Talk about things you see.

**Any song is good. Feel free to change words.**

 **Wheels on the Bus**



I have a little shaker, I'll shake it in the air. I'll shake it over here. I'll shake it over there. It can be a carousel. Going round and round. It can be a shooting star, falling to the ground. I have a little shaker, I'll shake it in the air. I'll shake it over here. I'll shake it over there.



**Shake along to the beat!**

Any song is fine to sing and any rhyme is great to recite; don't limit yourself to children's songs


 **I Have a Little Shaker**


You can make your own shakers with household items!



**Lullabies help babies relax.**

Any song can be a lullaby, just sing it slowly and softly.

 **Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star & The Wheels on the Bus**



Share songs that your parents and grandparents sang with you, too.

**The place for you and the place for me is the local public library!**

Oh, the place for you and the place for me is the local public library. They have books and things that they lend for free. It's the latest, it's the greatest, it's the library.


Educational, informational, entertainment that's sensational. It's a way of life, it's for you and me. It's the latest, it's the greatest, it's the library. (Dum ba da da dum, dum dum)




**Self-care is very important for both you and your fetus.**

**QUESTION**


What is something important that you learned today, or one thing we did here that you look forward to doing at home?



Visit the Library



Check in with your body & your doctor



Stay Hydrated!