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PARENT MESSAGES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA OR OTHER PUBLICATIONS REGARDING EARLY BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. You are the key to your child's success.

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Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Use mealtimes to talk about foods that your family enjoys.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Help your children identify feelings by naming their emotions.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. The primary predictor of school success or failure is the size of the child's vocabulary upon entering school. Hearing lots of words helps your child learn lots of words.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. The key to your child's success is not race, gender, money, the number of toys, the size of your house, or your neighborhood. It's all about YOU and your interactions with your baby!

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Play Peek-a-Boo, Pat-a-Cake, This Little Piggy and other simple games with your baby.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Name the parts of your baby's face – mouth, ears, eyes, nose, hair, etc.

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Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. A strong vocabulary helps your child develop an essential life skill: the ability to read.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Repeat, repeat, and repeat what you say. Babies need to hear their first words about 500 times before they say them.

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Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Read at least one book a day to your child. Infants and toddlers like to turn the pages and listen to you talk about the pictures.

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Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. When you are in the grocery store, name and describe what you put in your basket.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. When dressing your child, name clothing items and where on the body each one goes.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Label things in your house so that your child begins to see that spoken words can be written.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Sing children's songs like Eensy Weensy Spider, or Old McDonald Had a Farm.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Go on a walk and talk about what you see.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Praise your child's scribbles – the first stage in writing words.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Sing, clap, and dance to music.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Tell your child a happy story from your childhood.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Talk about the colors and shapes of everyday things in your home.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Point out actual words in the book you are reading.

Words build babies' brains from birth. Talk, read, and sing to feed your baby's brain. Make a story come alive with voices and actions for characters.