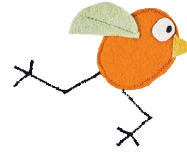




Your Baby's Brain...



From Birth:

- ✚ Discriminates sounds
- ✚ Prefers familiar voices... knows your voice!
- ✚ Prefers speech sounds over non-speech sounds
- ✚ Listens to speech even when resting
- ✚ Listens for patterns in speech

In the First Year:

- ✚ Babies take cues from your facial expressions and gestures
- ✚ Repetition of language is important for increasing language skills. This is how you strengthen the thread that connects information in your baby's brain.
- ✚ Babies respond to changes in voice pitch and patterns in words and sounds such as rhyming, rhythm games and songs. It helps them remember.

You can:

- ✚ Share lots of words with your baby every day through reading, talking, and singing, rhyming and playing.
- ✚ Make deposits in your baby's language memory bank- the more you put in the more you get out later. A large vocabulary is one of the best indicators of later academic success!

You are your babies travel guide on this learning adventure!

A baby's brain is ready and looking for clues that will unlock the mysteries of language

-from the research of P. Kuhl and J. Werker

