

# singing activities to boost a baby's brain



#### sing any time

Sing your favorite songs to a child any chance you get. Hearing your voice eases stress and calms a baby's heartbeat—even if you are off tune.

### repeat the same song

The beat of hearing the same song helps a child's social skills and how they handle their feelings. And, it helps them feel safe.

# get silly with the words

Have fun changing the words of songs, "the itsy bitsy elephant climbed up the water spout." It will make you both smile.

#### create your own lullaby

Use the baby's name or things they did during the day in a lullaby. Singing creates a bond which is key to healthy emotional development.

#### sing and count

Learn a counting song. Use your fingers to show the numbers. Young children who enjoy music show increases in pre-math and pre-reading skills.

# sing songs when getting ready

"Zip, zip your zipper up to your chin. Don't you let the cold air in." This makes tasks more fun. It also helps a child move from one thing to another.

# take turns acting out music

Jump like a kangaroo or float like clouds. Children like to move to the rhythm of music. Babies become more aware of their body. Toddlers learn movement skills.

# singing benefits:

- Eases stress
- Calms babies
- Creates a bond
- Helps emotional development
- Develops pre-math and pre-reading skills