# **SHAPE YOUR BABY'S FUTURE** WITH EVERYDAY WORDS





### **TALK OFTEN**

Narrate your daily routines and describe what you see around you.



#### **ASK & ANSWER**

Ask questions and aim for five back-and-forth exchanges during conversations.



## **LEARN TOGETHER**

Read books to introduce new words and ideas.



## **KEEP IT FUN**

Sing songs and play games to encourage learning and interaction.

## WHY IT MATTERS



# Language Development

- Simple back-and-forth conversations during everyday activities help develop language.
- Just 15 minutes of talking per hour can lead to a big vocabulary by age 3 - a strong predictor of school success.



## **Brain Development**

- 80% of a child's brain develops by age 3.
- In the first year, the brain builds strong foundations for language and problem-solving.
- Talking to babies strengthens these connections which supports lifelong learning.



# **Emotional & Behavioral Health**

- Responding to your baby's sounds, gestures, and expressions helps them feel secure and learn to manage emotions.
- This supports healthy and sets the stage for success in school and social settings.





Stronger vocabulary and language skills.





Better school readiness and academic success.



Improved health and greater opportunities in life.







Supporting Research: These findings are backed by extensive research in early childhood development, language acquisition, and its long-term impact on academic and social success. View the sources at feedmewords.org