

Welcome April!
Sunshine and Flowers Soon to Come!



Sometimes it takes just one
to bring on a happy mood.

Often times there needs to be many.





It takes just a few to spark real joy.

**Facts are facts, and learning is terrific,
But we are so much deeper from the core.**

Happy, and sad, being mad, angry and scared too.

These are all good.

We have emotions to spur us on,

protect us and more.

The Growing Brain

We all have a natural one that needs great care as it keeps growing.

- * Starting at birth the brain has nearly 100 billion nerve cells (neurons).
- * Experiences cause neural connections called synapses.
- * More than a million connections are formed every second in the first few years.
- * There are about 100 trillion by age three.
- * Each and every connection represents learning in one way or another.
- * Rapid connecting is for a lifetime and slows down as we grow.

Repetition creates pathways that stay with people. **Emotion** also affects brain development.

We are all a product of our experiences, and that is why they should be as good as they can be.

Every child is entitled to the finest ones, and every parent should know how to provide them.

There is not a moment to waste.

Lots to keep in mind.

Enter AI

It can do this.

It can do that!

Wow! I love it. Oops! “Who are you? Where are you?”

I am a little worried because

The Stakes are Too High!

A is for “Artificial,” oh dear what is that?

I is “Intelligence,” I smell a rat.

Smart as we are with our worldly prowess.

It’s time to go slowly and not to digress.

It’s the **brain** that we have and that no one can hack.

It is smart; it can lead and can keep us on track.

It’s our **brains** we can use to show what we know.

Like not to go places where we should not go.

Scientists, please, keep us safe from great stress.

We need to avoid a big giant mess.

“Nature’s” the word with the highest of clout.

No way in the world we should leave that part out.

Good rules are a must to be formed from the start.

And laws are the key if made from the heart.

You can write every clause to make it sound right,

But the force of what’s coming’s too strong to take light.

We have brains to keep checking the A and the I.
They're there for a reason ... for us to ask why.
They warn us of safety in all that we try.
Their message SHOUTS clearly, "The stakes are too high."

Day by day we are learning more and more about our new tool, and each contact we have with it is more exciting, interesting, and worrisome too. Wow!

What is a parent or grandparent to do? Be careful. Provide as optimal an environment as much as possible at all times. It begins with love, and then everything else flows from there. Each contact we have with growing children is important and helps to form who they are and also who they will be. All kids depend on us to guide them ... right from the start.

Facts and figures are all part of it, but emotional development leads the way.

