

Social Emotional

Language & Communication

Cognitive

Physical Development

18 months

Likes to hand things to others as play! Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll. Parallel

Says several words.

Knows what tools and things are used for; a brush for your hair,

Walks alone!

Learning to walk up stairs and run!

Recognizing feelings and learning how to express emotions: shows fears, excitement, anger. May start testing boundaries.



Says and shakes head "no"

Shows interest for toys and pretends to play with them correctly; A car drives on the ground and goes vroom... a plane flies in



Pulls toys while walking.

May show affection to familiar people and may cling in new situations.



Points to show wants and needs!

Can point to body parts.

Can follow 1-step verbal commands without any gestures; sits when you say sit-down.



Drinks from a cup & eats with a spoon.

Explores their environments while staying close to familiar people. Points to show interest.



Scribbles on their own.

24 months

Copies others, especially

Points to things and pictures when they are named.

Finds things even when hidden under things.

Stands on tip toe.

Kicks a ball!

Gets excited with other children!



Knows names of familiar people and body parts.

Begins to sort colors



Shows more & more independence

Shows some defiant behaviors.



Puts words together in 2-4 word sentences.

Repeats words overheard in conversations.

Completes sentences and rhymes to familiar books or songs!

Can follow 2-step instructions: "pick up your shoes and bring them to me." simple make believe games & builds towers with 4 or more blocks.

Might use one hand more than the other.



Names items in a picture book: cat, dog, bird.

Begins to run! Climbs onto & down from furniture without

Walks up and down stairs holding on.



Throws ball overhand.

Traces straight lines and circles.