

A Child's Developmental Milestones

18-24 months



Cognitive Milestones	Language Milestones	Social/Emotional Milestones	Physical Milestones	Recommended Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorts shapes and colors • Mimics adult behavior • Points to and names objects • Refers to self by name • Learns by helping • Learns concepts such as size, shape and weight as he/she moves and plays with objects in the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has expressive vocabulary of 20-25 words • Uses 2-word phrases to communicate • Uses gestures to communicate • Begins using courtesy words (please, thank you) occasionally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is possessive • Begins to show empathy • Reveals a sense of trust • Begins to play next to children • Shows emotions of pride and embarrassment • May dawdle • Engages in imaginative play • Tests limits of behavior • Performs for an audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can draw scribbles • Kicks backward and forward • Stands on a balance beam • Walks up stairs with help • Runs well • Enjoys riding small-wheeled riding toys • Drinks from a straw 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let them help you prepare a snack or other task. • Try to expand their language. If a toddler says, "ball" say "Yes, this is a big, red ball!" • Stock art area with lots of crayons and paper. Encourage table drawing as well as easel drawing. • Have more than one of everything. Sharing is difficult at this age. • Encourage children to show off their skills. Include a big round of applause!

