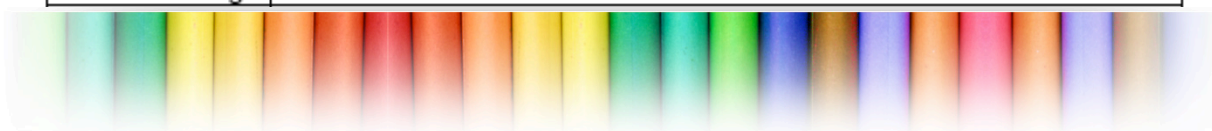




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36-48 months	
Physical Development: Sensory	* sensory learning becomes integrated in all areas of development for children of these ages Demonstrates an increasing awareness of complex sensory inputs and uses more complex language to describe them. (for example bitter, sour, salty) Recognizes increased detail in objects and pictures
Physical Development: Health and Physical Well-Being	Dresses themselves independently Recognizes of rules and pays attention to safety instructions
Physical Development: Large muscle	Walks down stairs alternating feet Jumps & hop several times Runs smoothly Gallops
Physical Development: Small muscle	Draws sunshine people Copies shapes Writes name w/ model Cuts on line and curve
Emotional Development: Attachment	Cooperates & shares with other children (bartering and trading) Understands time concepts Uses complete sentences Draws "sunshine" people Plays with age peers Uses fantasy play Seeks affirmation, takes pride in accomplishments
Emotional Development: Sense of self	States their age & gender Seeks affirmation, takes pride in accomplishments Focuses on a task for at least five minutes
Emotional Development: Mutual and Self Regulation	Seeks affirmation, takes pride in accomplishments
Emotional Development: Emotions of self and others	Seeks affirmation, takes pride in accomplishments
Social Development: Social Interaction with adults & peers	Cooperates and shares with other children (bartering & trading) Plays with age peers Engages in fantasy play
Communication & Language: Listening & Understanding	Knows plurals Uses descriptive words Uses complete sentences Uses 900-1000 words





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Communication & Language: Early Literacy	Knows some songs Matches letters Uses descriptive words Retells a story in sequence Uses & understands complete sentences Recognizes name – written Writes name with model Uses make believe writing w/ random letters
Thinking Skills & Cognitive Development:	Asks a lot of questions Follows simple 2-step directions Focuses on task for at least 5 minutes
Mathematics & Numeracy	Begins to understand ordinal numbers: first, second, third Counts to 10 consistently Understands numbers have meaning 1:1 correspondence to #5 Knows phone number & address Names complex colors Explores objects by attributes Understands concept of more than & less than Understands physical relationships: over, under Draws circles, plus signs and lines Demonstrates understanding of positional words: over, under, in, out, on Names complex colors and shapes Extends A/B pattern Recognizes time as a sequence of events that relates to daily life Uses appropriate language to discuss measurement: heavy, full, empty

