



Early Learning Matters

Because parents are their children's first, best teachers.

18-24 months	
Physical Development: Sensory	Experiments with objects Sorts and match objects with guidance Strings beads Explores puzzles and blocks Expresses wonder at the world through all five senses
Physical Development: Health and Physical Well-Being	Participates in brushing teeth & blowing nose Demonstrates food preferences
Physical Development: Large muscle	Begins to run Walks up and down stairs holding on to support Throws a ball at a target Kicks ball Attempts to jump
Physical Development: Small muscle	Strings beads Puzzles Blocks Sort & match Feeds self with a spoon Scribbling begins to include lines and circles
Emotional Development: Attachment	Proud of things they do Solves simple problems Uses and understands the word, "Mine" Communicate sense of humor
Emotional Development: Sense of self	Cooperative pretend play Uses and understands the word, "Mine"
Emotional Development: Mutual and Self Regulation	Begins to use verbal cues to communicate
Emotional Development: Emotions of self and others	Uses and understands the word, "Mine" Communicates sense of humor
Social Development: Social Interaction with adults & peers	Communicates sense of humor Asks for help verbally or with gestures Responds to requests made by familiar adults Cooperative pretend play
Communication & Language: Listening & Understanding	Uses and understands the word, "Mine" Communicates sense of humor Cooperative pretend play Asks a lot of questions Uses 15-20 words
Communication & Language: Early Literacy	Sorts and matches objects with guidance Strings beads Explores puzzles and blocks Works towards stringing words together Pretends to read using babbling
Thinking Skills & Cognitive Development:	<i>See Physical Development: Sensory Learning</i>

