

Social/Emotional Development Chart

Birth - 4 months	4 months - 8 months	8 months - 12 months	1 Year - 2 Years	2 Years - 3 Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate by smiling, crying, and gazing • Look at caregiver when spoken to • Talk by cooing and squealing • Play with fingers and toes • Respond to angry or loud voices with crying and frowning • Like to be tickled gently • Stop crying when caregiver moves closer • Squeal with excitement upon seeing parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become attached to caregiver • Laugh out loud • Raise arms when wanting to be picked up • Get upset when toys are taken away • Respond to strangers differently than with parents • Like to watch things/people • Like to be cuddled • Respond appropriately to smiles and frowns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit separation anxiety • Look at people who speak their names • Resist caregivers' directions • Become attached to favorite toys or blankets • Understand the meaning of "no" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help pick up toys • Play alone • Listens to stories being read to them • Recognize themselves in a mirror • Become more curious • Do not shy away from strangers • Resist tasks such as getting dressed • Throw temper tantrums when frustrated or tired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit empathy • Hit or bite due to low vocabulary • Throw temper tantrums • Are impatient • Have a difficult time making choices • Are bossy • Say "no!" • Imitate activities such as feeding a baby