

2 YEARS TO 3 YEARS

EMERGING SKILLS DURING AGE RANGE

- Understands opposites
- Follows 2-step directions
- Understands new words quickly
- On average, uses 50-250 words
- Has a word for almost everything
- Speech is 75% intelligible or understood by familiar listeners
- Can identify pictures of familiar objects
- Identifies body parts and clothing
- Puts 3 words together
- Asks questions
- Engages in turn-taking with peers
- Stacks blocks 4-6 high
- Turns pages of a board book one at a time
- Colors more in smaller areas of a picture, but still out of the lines
- Completes block puzzles
- Throws a ball towards a target
- Kicks with improved form and direction

Developmental Toys & Activities

- Encourage words rather than just gestures/pointing
- Give your child choices, allowing them to communicate and to be in control
- Do puzzles together, take turns identifying the puzzle piece
- Art projects
- Mr. Potato Head
- Pip Squeak markers or smaller markers to color
- Small or broken crayons to promote pincer/tripod grasp
- Playdoh
- Pretend play toys: kitchen/food, doctor kit or baby dolls
- Different size outdoor balls to play catch or to learn to kick
- Simple flash cards that has colors, shapes or letters
- Duplo blocks or Magnatiles
- Barn with farm animals