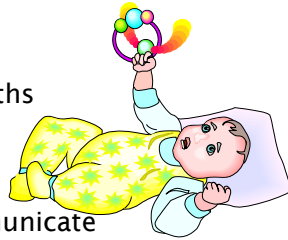




# AGES & STAGES: CHILD DEVELOPMENT FROM BIRTH TO 10 YEARS

## Birth to 5 Months

- recognizes different voices and people by 2 months
- able to tell the sound of speech from other sounds
- already picking up on your moods and smiling to communicate
- feels, tastes, smells and hears
- sees things 8"-12" away
- can grasp a small object briefly
- lifts head to look around
- sits supported, head steady
- tries to roll over
- shows happy and sad feelings by making sounds



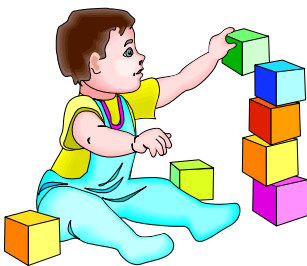
## 5 to 9 Months

- holds a bottle
- looks for things dropped
- plays with things by banging them together
- sits without support
- copies a few familiar sounds and actions
- babbles to show wants
- takes things out of containers



## 9 to 12 Months

- understands familiar words
- waves bye-bye
- crawls, scoots, creeps, or moves well from one place to another
- looks at pictures in a book
- babbles as if speaking a sentence
- spends longer doing one thing than she/he used to



Sources compiled from: *Scholastic Parent and Child*, 2001, *Sesame Street Beginnings* 2000, and other sources.

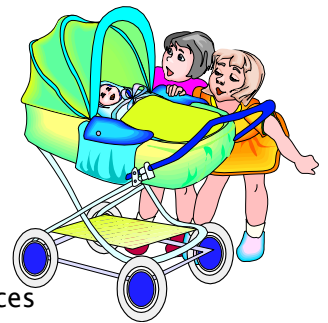
## 12 Months to 3 Years

- showing interest in coloring and scribbling
- mimicking some of the things you do
- expanding her vocabulary from just a few to over a dozen words to two or three word sentences.
- may grab or bite when he doesn't have the words to express himself
- discovering what interests him most
- may choose a transitional object to help soothe herself
- plays near other children
- begins to play house
- knows gender identity



## 3 to 6 Years

- has specific likes and dislikes
- shares toys, takes turns with assistance
- joins in play with other children
- plays dress up
- shows interest in exploring gender differences
- chooses own friends
- plays simple table games
- pushes, pulls and steers wheeled toys
- throws ball overhead
- skips
- skates



## 6 to 10 Years

- understand concepts like birth and death
- reasons and understands the idea of cause and effect
- learns the basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic
- show compassion for friends
- think ahead before doing something
- may have occasional mood swings
- are likely to lie
- develop feelings of anger, frustration and anxiety

