CDC Developmental Milestones 2022

2 MONTHS

Social: Looks at your face; Seems happy to see you; Smiles when you talk to or smile at him; Calms down when spoken to or picked up

Language: Makes sounds other than crying; Reacts to loud sounds

Cognitive: Looks at you as you move; Looks at a toy for several seconds

Motor: Holds head up when on tummy; Moves both arms and both legs; Opens hands briefly

4 MONTHS

Social: Smiles to get attention; Chuckles,

Tries to keep attention with gaze, movement or sounds

Language: Cooing; Makes sounds back; Turns to sound of vour voice

Cognitive: Opens mouth when hungry and sees bottle/breast; Looks at hands

Motor: Holds head steady without support; Holds toy; Uses arm to swing at toys; Brings hands to mouth; Pushes up to forearms when on tummy

6 MONTHS

Social: Knows familiar people; Likes to look in mirror; Laughs

Language: Takes turns making sounds; Blows "raspberries"; Squeals

Cognitive: Puts things in mouth; Reaches to grab toy; Closes lips to show does not want more food

Motor: Rolls from front to back; Pushes up with straight arms; Leans on hands when sitting

9 MONTHS

Social: Shy around strangers; Looks when name is called; Smiles or laughs at peek-a-boo; shows several facial expressions, Reacts when you leave

Language: Babbles; Lifts arms to be picked up

Cognitive: Looks for objects when dropped out of site; Bangs things together

Motor: Gets to sitting; Sits without support; Uses fingers to rake food; Moves things from one hand to another

12 MONTHS

Social: Plays pat-a-cake or other simple game

Language: Waves "bye-bye"; Calls caregiver by a name "mama" "dada"; Understands "no"

Cognitive: Puts something in a container; Looks for things he sees you hide

Motor: Pulls to stand; Walks holding on; Drinks from a cup when you hold it; Pincer grasp

15 MONTHS

Social: Shows you an object, Claps when excited, Hugs toy, Shows affection; Copies other children while playing

Language: Tries 1 or 2 words other than "mama" or "dada"; Looks at familiar object when you name it; Follows a command with words and gestures; Points

Cognitive: Stacks 2 objects; Tries to use things in the right way (phone,cup)

Motor: Takes a few steps on his own, Uses fingers to feed self

18 MONTHS

Social: Moves away but checks you are close; Points, Puts hands out to be washed; Helps with dressing; Looks at book with you

Language: Tries to say 3+ words besides "mama" or "dada"; Follows 1 step direction with words only

Cognitive: Copies you doing chores; Plays with toys like pushing toy cars

Motor: Walks without holding on; Scribbles; Drinks from a cup; Feeds self with fingers; Tries to use a spoon; Climbs on and off couch or chair without help

24 MONTHS

Social: Notices when others are hurt; Looks at your face to see your reactions

Language: Points in a book; Combines 2 words; Points to 2 body parts; More gestures than waving and pointing

Cognitive: Tries to use switches, knobs, buttons on toys; Plays with 2 toys at same time; Holds something in one hand and uses the other (takes lid off container)

Motor: Kicks ball; Runs; Walks up a few stairs; Eats with a spoon

30 MONTHS

Social: Parallel play, Asks you to look at her, Follows simple routines

Language: 50 words; Uses action words in 2+ word phrases; Names things in a book; Uses I, me, we

Cognitive: Uses things to pretend; Uses simple problem solving; Follows 2 step instructions; Knows one color

Motor: Twists things like doorknobs; Takes off some clothes by himself; Jumps with both feet; Turns book pages

3 YEARS

Social: Joins other children in play; Calms within 10 minutes after you leave like at daycare drop-off

Language: Asks who, what, where, when or why questions; Can name an action in a book; Says first name when asked; Others understand speech most of the time; Two back-and-forth exchanges in conversation

Cognitive: Draws a circle; Avoids touching hot objects when warned

Motor: Strings items; Puts on some clothes by self; Uses a fork

4 YEARS

Social: Pretends in play; Avoids danger like not jumping from heights at playground; Likes to be a "helper"; Different behavior for different settings; Asks to play with other children, comforts others who are hurt or sad

Language: Answers simple questions about the use of objects; Sentences with 4+ words, says words from a song, story, or rhyme, talks about something that happened during his day

Cognitive: Names a few colors; Draws a person with 3 body parts; tells what comes next in a wellknown story

Motor: Catches a large ball most of the time; Serves himself food or pours water with help; Unbuttons some buttons; Holds crayon with fingers and thumb

5 YEARS

Social: Follows rules or takes turns; Can do simple chores; Sings, dances, or acts for you

Language: Tells a story; Answers questions about a story; Rhymes; Three back-and-forth exchanges in conversation

Cognitive: Counts to 10; Names some numbers when pointed to; Uses words about time; Writes some letters in her name; Names some letters when pointed to; Pays attention for 5-10 min during activities (not screens)

Motor: Buttons some buttons; Hops on 1 foot