Your Child’s Developmental Important Milestones: (12 Months - 24 Months)

Social

- Imitates behaviors of others, especially adults or older children
- More aware of herself as separate from others
- More excited about company of other children

Emotional

- Demonstrates increasing independence
- Begins to show defiant behavior
- Separation anxiety increases toward midyear then fades

Cognitive

- Finds objects even when hidden under two or three covers
- Begins to sort by shape and color
- Begins make-believe play

Language

- Points to objects or picture when it is named for him/her
- Recognizes names of familiar people, objects and body parts
- Says several single words (by 15 to 18 months)
- Uses simple phrases (by 18 to 24 months)
- Uses two to four word sentences
- Follows simple instructions
- Repeats words overheard in conversation

Movements

- Walks alone
- Pulls toys behind him/her while walking
- Begins to run
- Stands on tiptoe
- Kicks a ball
- Climbs onto a down from furniture unassisted
- Walks up and down stairs holding on to support

Hands and fingers skills

- Scribbles on his/her own
- Turns over container to pour out contents
- Builds tower of four blocks or more
Might use one hand more often than the other

**Developmental Health Watch**

Alert your child’s doctor or nurse if your child displays any of the following signs of possible developmental delay for this age range.

- Cannot walk by 18 months
- Fails to develop a mature heel toe walking pattern after several months of walking, or walking only on his/her toes
- Does not speak at least 15 words
- Does not use two word sentences by age 2
- By 15 months, does not seem to know the function of common household objects (brush, telephone, bell, fork, spoon)
- Does not imitate actions or words by the end of this period
- Does not follow simple instructions by age 2
- Cannot push a wheeled toy by age 2
- Experiences a dramatic loss of skill he or she once had

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