

Social & Emotional Milestones

Newborn	Shows emotions through crying. Shows interest in others by looking at your face. Quiets in response to the touch of parents.
3 Months	Smiles at others. Shows feelings through facial and body movement. Enjoys being hugged and cuddled.
6 Months	Knows familiar faces Enjoys playing with familiar people Likes to look at self in the mirror. Makes sounds to express happiness or displeasure.
9 Months	Shows feelings by smiling, crying and pointing. Shows preference to certain toys. Cries when the parent leaves and is shy around strangers. Responds to own name.
12 Months	Prefers certain people and toys. Imitates sounds, gestures or actions to get parent's attention. Puts arm or leg out to help while dressing. Enjoys playing games such as "peek-a-boo" and "pat-a-cake."
18 months	Shows interest in other children. Engages in imaginative play, such as feeding a baby. Imitates seen behaviors. Tries new things with familiar adults nearby. Points to show things to others.
2 Years	Engages in parallel play with other children. Imitates others, especially adults and older children. Shows increased independence. Shows defiance, such as doing what he/she was told not to do. Begins to play with other children, as in chasing one another.
3 Years	Shows concern and affection for others without prompting. Copies adults and friends (for example, runs when other children run). Takes turns in games. Separates easily from parents. Shows a wide range of feelings. Dresses and undresses self. Enjoys helping with simple household tasks. Verbalizes toilet needs and may be toilet trained during the day.



4 Years	Engages in reciprocal play with other children. Negotiates solutions to conflicts. Prefers playing with other children than playing alone. Interested in new activities Becomes more creative in make-believe play. Confuses what's real and what's make-believe. Verbally expresses likes and dislikes.
5 Years	Imitates friends and wants to engage with other children. Able to follow rules more easily. Knows the difference between a boy and a girl. Shows increasing independence. Demonstrates both demanding and cooperative behaviors.