



DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES



18 – 24 Months



Emerging Skills

- Builds tower of a few blocks
- Picks up and releases small objects
- Begins to complete shape sorter
- Turns pages of board book
- Grasps crayon with whole hand
- Begins to imitate strokes with crayon
- Jumps in place with both feet
- Throws ball overhand
- Climbs and descends stairs with two feet on each step
- Runs well
- Kicks ball forward
- Scoots forward on riding toys

Red Flags

- Fearful of slides/swings
- Falls frequently
- Frequently runs into objects/walls/corners
- Little interest in motor exploration
- Frequent toe walking

Best Toys For This Age Group

- Bean bags
- Shape sorter
- Streamers
- Finger puppets
- Books with flaps
- Riding toys

Everyday Play Ideas

- Water play
- Blowing and chasing bubbles
- Rocking and swinging
- Opening and closing containers/boxes
- Exploring small playground equipment
- Scribbling with crayons or finger paint

Next Emerging Skills To Look For

- Imitating shapes and lines when drawing
- Galloping
- Pedaling a tricycle
- Throwing to a target

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