

## Toddler Milestones – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

### Social and Emotional

- Imitates behavior of others, especially adults and older children
- More aware of him/herself as separate from others
- More excited about company of other children
- Demonstrates increasing independence
- Begins to show defiant behavior
- Separation anxiety increase toward midyear fades

### Movement

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

### Hand and Finger Skills

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

### Language

- Points to objects or picture when its named
- 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 2 to 4 word sentences
- Follows simple instructions
- Repeats words overheard in conversation

### Cognitive

- Finds objects hides under two or three covers
- Begins to sort by shapes and colors
- Begins make-believe play