Your Child's Early Development is a Journey

These are just a few of many important milestones to look for. For complete checklists for your child's age visit www.cdc.gov/Milestones or download CDC's free *Milestone Tracker* app.

Start Here

2 MONTHS
- Looks at your face
- Reacts to loud sounds
- Smiles when you talk to or smile at her
- Holds head up when on tummy

6 MONTHS
- Knows familiar people
- Takes turns making sounds with you
- Reaches to grab a toy he wants
- Rolls from tummy to back

12 MONTHS
- Plays games with you, like pat-a-cake
- Calls a parent "mama" or "dada"
- Puts something in a container, like a block in a cup
- Pulls up to stand

18 MONTHS
- Copies you doing chores, like sweeping with a broom
- Tries to use a spoon
- Points to show you something interesting
- Tries to say three or more words besides "mama" or "dada"

2 YEARS
- Tries to use switches, knobs, or buttons on a toy
- Kicks a ball
- Looks at your face to see how to react in a new situation
- Says at least two words together, like "More milk."

30 MONTHS
- Says about 50 words
- Uses things to pretend, like feeding a block to a doll as if it were food
- Shows you what she can do by saying, "Look at me!"
- Jumps off the ground with both feet

3 YEARS
- Talks with you in conversation
- Draws a circle, when you show him how
- Uses a fork
- Notices other children and joins them to play

4 YEARS
- Answers simple questions like "What is a coat for?"
- Names a few colors of items
- Unbuttons some buttons
- Likes to be a "helper"

5 YEARS
- Follows rules or takes turns when playing games with other children
- Uses or recognizes simple rhymes
- Writes some letters in her name
- Hops on one foot