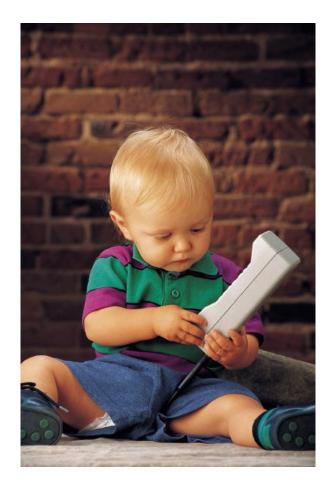
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Getting Ready for School Begins at Birth



Tyrone Area School District Parenting Tips

Smart Start for Toddlers 24-26 month-old

YOUR 24-26 MONTH—OLD TODDLER	ACTIVITIES
 Physical Can walk up and down steps with help. Learns to jump. Walks with smooth heel-to-toe motion. Begin potty training when your toddler becomes interested in the toilet. 	 Physical Activities Model and practice jumping with your child. Begin toilet training only if your child is interested.
 Language Names at least 6 body parts. Half of speech is understandable. Makes 2-3 word sentences. Uses pronouns (I, me, you). Draws horizontal and vertical straight lines. 	 Language Activities Play body part identifying games. Expand on students 2-3 word sentences. Provide opportunities for writing/drawing with chalk, paint, crayons, etc
 Thinking Arranges things into categories. Begins to understand abstract concepts (soon/later) During pretend play, may begin using an object to represent another object (e.g. May use block to represent telephone). 	Thinking Activities Arrange toys and food by categories (big/small, colors, etc.)
 Social Talks about self. Begins to notice gender differences. Continues to struggle with sharing. May offer a toy to another child but will want it back. Has strong feelings and will need help calming down. 	 Social Activities Model appropriate sharing of toys. Toddlers are self-centered. Don't expect them to be able to share on their own. Help your toddler calm down from their tantrum through comforting them or giving them along time in a safe, quiet place.

Smart Start for Toddlers 27-30 month-old

YOUR 27-30 MONTH—OLD TODDLER	ACTIVITIES
 Physical Jumps with both feet. Balances on one foot. Begins showing interest in zipping and unzipping clothes. Walks on tip toes. Drinks from cup without spilling. Balances on one foot. 	 Physical Activities Provide opportunities for zipping and unzipping. Play jumping and balancing games.
 Language Starts to recognize ABCs. Calls themselves by their own name. Has a vocabulary of 900+ words. Uses 3-5 word phrases and sentences. Draws circles. Can name one color. Can name one friend. 	 Language Activities Sing your ABCs. Place magnetic ABCs and numbers on the refrigerator for your child to explore. Be sure books are easily accessible.
Thinking • Understands descriptive words (soft, big).	 Thinking Activities When speaking with your child include descriptive words in your sentences. When reading have your child identify pictures using descriptive words (e.g. "Find the red truck. Where is the big doll?")
 Social Become very independent and will insist on completing things by themselves. Wants familiar routines. Observes other children at play and joins in. Continues to struggle with sharing. 	 Social Activities Provide opportunities and model sharing toys for your toddler. Create and follow familiar routines for everyday tasks (wake up, lunch and snacks, bedtime).