

Smart Start for Toddlers 24-30 months-old

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
<p style="text-align: center;">Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Physical Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model and practice jumping with your child. • Begin toilet training only if your child is interested.
<p style="text-align: center;">Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Language Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play body part identifying games. • Expand on students 2-3 word sentences. • Provide opportunities for writing/drawing with chalk, paint, crayons, etc...
<p style="text-align: center;">Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thinking Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange toys and food by categories (big/small, colors, etc.)
<p style="text-align: center;">Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Social Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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27-30 month-old

YOUR 27-30 MONTH—OLD TODDLER	ACTIVITIES
<p style="text-align: center;">Physical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Physical Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for zipping and unzipping. • Play jumping and balancing games.
<p style="text-align: center;">Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 	<p style="text-align: center;">Language Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing your ABCs. • Place magnetic ABCs and numbers on the refrigerator for your child to explore. • Be sure books are easily accessible.
<p style="text-align: center;">Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands descriptive words (soft, big). 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thinking Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?")
<p style="text-align: center;">Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Social Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities and model sharing toys for your toddler. • Create and follow familiar routines for everyday tasks (wake up, lunch and snacks, bedtime).