



## Developmental Milestones—Speech/Language & Feeding

### 3 Months

- ◆ Responds to environmental or speech sounds
- ◆ Coos/smiles for pleasure
- ◆ Sucks fingers when near mouth
- ◆ Recognizes nipple or bottle

### 6 months

- ◆ Moves eyes in direction of sounds
- ◆ Babbles 1-2 syllables
- ◆ Mouths and gums solid foods
- ◆ Opens mouth when spoon is presented

### 9 months

- ◆ Babble with sounds (m, b, p)
- ◆ Listens when spoken to
- ◆ Enjoys simple games (peek-a-boo)
- ◆ Self feeds meltable solids
- ◆ Drinks from a cup when presented

### 12 months

- ◆ Initiates action for familiar game play
- ◆ Recognizes common words (cup, shoe, juice)
- ◆ Says first word
- ◆ Toddler follows single one-step commands

### 15 months

- ◆ Tries to imitate sounds/words
- ◆ Babbling sounds like speech; stringing sounds
- ◆ Says a few words (mama, dada, dog); may be unclear
- ◆ Enjoys music, moves to it

### 18 months

- ◆ Begins to drink through a straw
- ◆ Imitate unfamiliar sounds & words
- ◆ Gestures hi/bye

### 24 months

- ◆ Points to simple body parts (nose, eyes, feet)
- ◆ Averages 2 word combinations
- ◆ Gives up the bottle
- ◆ Chews on a broad range of food

### 30 months

- ◆ Begins to answer simple questions
- ◆ Independently drinks and eat without spillage
- ◆ Chews with a rotary motion and lips closed
- ◆ Consonant sounds p, m, h, n, w, b

### 3-5 years

- ◆ Speech understood 85% of the time by unfamiliar listener
- ◆ Knows and says new words weekly
- ◆ Asks questions