

Developmental Milestones

5 ½ to 8 Months

Language:

- Associates some sounds heard with objects and people seen
- Looks for named parents
- Squeals, shrieks, or makes other loud noises
- Vocalizes single syllables, such as ba, pa, ma, and na
- Babbles using repeated syllables such as mama, baba

Intellectual:

- Briefly looks at pictures in books
- Tries to explore everything with mouth
- Experiments with the effects of throwing, dropping, shaking and banging objects
- Searches for objects which have been dropped or partly hidden
- Anticipates the effects of actions
- Demonstrates intense curiosity through constant exploration
- Reaches into container to get objects

Social-Emotional:

- Show concern when parent leaves room
- Enjoys simple games such as peek-a-boo
- Enjoys affectionate play
- Seeks attention from caregiver
- Spends longer periods of time not crying

Motor:

- Sits without support or help
- Rolls, scoots or pulls body with arms
- Stands, holding on to support
- Grasps or turns objects with control
- Transfers objects from one hand to the other
- Bangs two objects together