



Caterpillar Classroom (Infants)

Birth – 5 Months

Language Development

1. Makes gurgling or cooing sounds
2. Smiles in response to your smile or talk
3. Laughs
4. Quiets easily when comforted
5. Turns head to locate sounds
6. Uses objects to make noise

Fine Motor Development

1. Easily takes a bottle or breast and sucks well
2. Looks at you; watches your face
3. Focuses on object held about 12 inches away
4. Looks at hands
5. Reaches for dangling objects or noise-makers
6. Holds object in hand; gradually reaches for and grabs objects

Gross Motor Development

1. Lifts head and chest when lying on stomach
2. Rolls from stomach to back
3. Reaches for feet and brings them to mouth when lying on back
4. Moves arms and legs easily

Social/Emotional Development

1. Relaxes and stops crying when picked up
2. Smiles and makes sounds when touched and talked to
3. Makes eye contact
4. Laughs when tickled, bounced or engaged in vocal play
5. Extends arms to familiar people
6. Smiles when seeing reflection in mirror

Self-Help Development

1. Opens and closes mouth when stimulated with food
2. Sucks pureed food from spoon, gums pureed food
3. Anticipates feeding activity by moving head and limbs; and making sounds

Faith/Spiritual Development

1. Has adults folding hands around his/her hands and saying simple prayer
2. Has adults telling him/her "Jesus loves you"

6 - 9 Months

Language Development

1. Makes many different sounds; babbles and squeals
2. Laughs out loud
3. Begins to show likes and dislikes
4. Listens to music and singing
5. Responds to own name

Fine Motor Development

1. Picks up a toy places within reach
2. Picks up small objects with scooping or sweeping motions
3. Manipulates objects with hands and fingers

Gross Motor Development

1. Sits alone for a short time; pulls self to sitting position
2. Rolls from back to stomach; stomach to back
3. Plays with feet when lying on back
4. Sits in high chair without slumping

Social/Emotional Development

1. Touches image in mirror
2. Uses hands to explore face of person holding him/her

Self-Help Development

1. Begins chewing movement
2. Holds own bottle to drink
3. Drinks from cup with help
4. Picks up spoons

Faith/Spiritual Development

1. Responds to "Jesus" songs
2. Looks at picture books about Jesus
3. Points to Jesus when He is talked about
4. Needs assurance of adults love and Jesus' love when left in a strange place ("Jesus loves and I love you")

9 - 16 Months

Cognitive Development

1. Finds toy that is completely covered
2. Examines object by looking, turning it over, feeling and manipulating it
3. Tries to imitate new sounds or actions
4. Stacks and unstacks blocks
5. Imitates actions when interacting with a toy (kissing a doll, rolling a ball)

Language Development

1. Responds to own name
2. Says "mama and dada"
3. Performs and act with only a verbal cue ("wave bye-bye")
4. Imitates sounds such as tongue click, cough, kiss and animal noises
5. Shakes head side to side to mean "no"
6. Points to object named or wanted

Fine Motor Development

1. Holds object between thumb and index finger
2. Holds crayon to scribble on paper
3. Uses both hands to perform the same action
4. Stabilizes object with one hand and manipulates it with the other
5. Removes pegs from pegboard

Gross Motor Development

1. Crawls forward on hands and knees
2. Pulls to stand with some help
3. Sits without help while playing with toys
4. Lets go of support and stands by self
5. Walks by self

6. Controls stopping, starting and turning when walking
7. Squats and resumes standing

Social/Emotional Development

1. Plays pat-a-cake and peekaboo games with some appropriate gestures
2. Repeats actions or vocalizations when laughed at
3. Responds physically or vocally to other children

Self-Help Development

1. Holds, bites and chews crackers
2. Finger-feeds small amounts of food
3. Eats mashed table foods
4. Picks up and drinks from cup with some spilling
5. Spoon-feeds with many spills
6. Pulls off hat, socks or mittens on request

Faith/Spiritual Development

1. Folds hands when prayers are prayed
2. Responds with hug when told "Jesus loves you"
3. Responds verbally and physically to praise songs
4. Imitates folding hands and prayer words