

AGES AND STAGES

For Nursery Volunteers



Crawlers/Early Walkers (9 months- 1 1/2 years)



What am I like?

Physically

I am on the move and beginning to explore my world. I am learning to sit and crawl. I can pull myself up to stand. I may take my first steps. My motor skills are developing and I can transfer things from one place to another. I drop and throw things for you to pick up.

Emotionally

I can show a wide variety of emotions. I can be very affectionate. I may fear strangers. I may feel afraid of new places. I can display different moods.

Intellectually

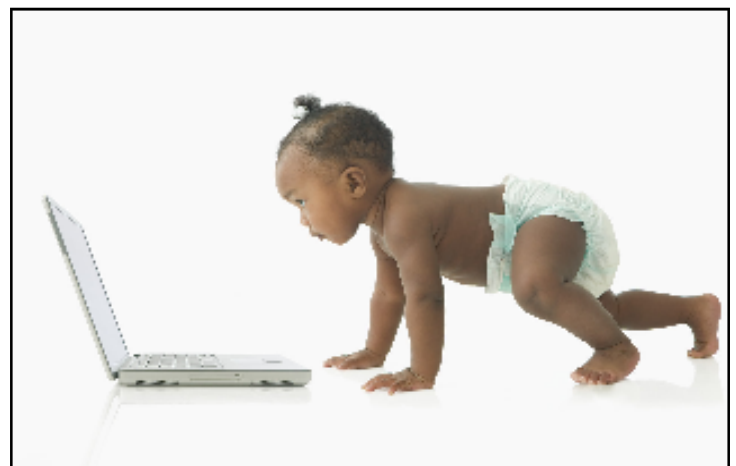
I am imitating sounds. I understand more than I can say. I know words stand for objects. I am good at finding hidden objects. I can use trial and error to solve a problem. My memory is increasing. I can use gestures to express myself.

Socially

I like approval. I obey commands but can sometimes be uncooperative. I am learning to feed myself. I try to help dress myself.

What can you do to make me comfortable?

- Ask my parents what works for me
- Invite my parent or guardian to stay with me a short while to make sure I am "settled in"
- Keep me safe
- Learn/ use my name
- Smile at me
- Talk to me
- Sing to me
- Read to me
- Listen to me
- Never leave me unattended
- Disinfect toys and hard surfaces regularly
- Provide me with toys that I can manipulate or push/pull



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Crawlers Cont.

What do I need in my learning environment?

- Safety first
- Balls
- Board Books
- Music
- Squeaky toys
- Nesting cups
- Stacking toys
- Push/pull toys
- Running water
- Carpeted floor
- Clean blankets
- Large or small blocks
- Baby wipes and tissue
- Cheerios, animal crackers, graham crackers for my snack
- Ride-on toys



Affirmations for Doing Six to eighteen months and ever after By Jean Illsley Clarke

You can explore and experiment, and I will support and protect you.

You can use all of your senses when you explore.

You can do things as many times as you need to.

You can know what you know.

You can be interested in everything.

I like to watch you initiate and grow and learn.

I love you when you are active and when you are quiet.