

SPEECH & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!



6 Months

- Produces CV and VC combos: "ba" or "da"
- Turns head/eyes toward sound

9 Months

- Babbles
- Responds to own name
- Plays social games

12 Months

- 2-6 words other than "mama" and "dada"
- Uses gestures such as waving/pointing
- Follows simple directions

18 Months

- 50 words
- Identifies body parts
- Understands in/out & on/off

2 Years

- 2-word phrases
- 200-300 words
- 25-50% intelligible
- Sounds: p, b, m, n, t, d, h, w, y
- Follows 2-step directives
- Understands simple vocabulary & concepts
- Answers some 'what,' 'where,' and yes/no questions
- Parallel play

3 Years

- 3-word phrases
- 1,000 words
- 50-75% intelligible
- Sounds: k, g, f, s, ing
- Uses pronouns: my, me, mine, you, your(s), he, she, and we
- Uses plural & possessive 's'
- Asks wh- questions
- Associative play
- Matches 1:1
- Understands spatial concepts

4 Years

- 4-word sentences
- 1,600 words
- 75% intelligible
- Sounds: v, z, sh, ch
- Uses more verb types, articles, and all pronouns
- Collaborative play
- Understands more complex wh- questions
- Will attend to short stories and answer questions

5 Years

- Has over 2,000 words
- Sounds: r, l, th, "zh"
- 90-100% intelligible
- Follows 3-step directions
- Appropriately switches topics in conversation