

Milestones that Matter Most 3-4 months

Gestures & Meanings

□ I can turn toward you and bat at a toy you offer.

- Reach both hands toward my bottle when hold it close to me
- Hold my hands out to touch a mirror we are sitting in front of
- Bat at the stuffed animals on my play yard
- Reach to grab your hair and face when you lean down to kiss me

□ I can mouth or touch an object that

- Grasp a stuffed toy that you put near in my hand

- Open my mouth and bat at/swipe at the spoon

- Bat at the dog's tail when it wags near me

Using Actions with Objects

you put near me.

close to me

Language

Sounds & Words

- I can make cooing sounds when I see you or see something interesting.
- Gurgle and kick my feet when Grandpa comes up to me
- Make an "ah" sound when the cat comes near
- Make cooing sounds when you look at me and bring your face close
- Make gurgling noises when my sister sings to me
- Make and "ooh" sound when you bring a favorite toy near me

Social Sharing with Objects

- □ I can watch and follow a toy move from side to side.
- Look at and follow my bottle as you bring it to me
- I turn and follow a squeaky squirt toy you show me in my bath
- Watch my brother run around and be silly
- Kick excitedly when I notice the dog is walking in the room
- Turn my head and smile when you move my favorite stuffed toy from side to side

Social Attention

as you feed me

□ I can look at you and smile when I'm happy.

- Look toward you and smile when you sing my favorite song

- Open my mouth and lean into my pacifier when you hold it

- Hold and mouth a chew toy that you put near my mouth

- Grab for the blanket you offer me as I lay down for nap

- Notice Grandma on the phone and smile when she talks to me
- Watch Daddy and smile when he gets my toes
- Look at you and coo when we hear the dog bark
- Watch you and smile when you sing to me during a diaper change

Social Interaction

Intentional Communication

- □ I can look at you to keep the interaction going and look away when it's too much.
- Turn away and fuss to let you know I'm ready to be done with diaper change
- Look to you while I'm nursing and enjoy hearing you hum - Look away after hearing you sing and clap to let you know I need a break
- Watch my sisters nearby to show that I'm interested in what they're doing
- Look at you and smile to let you know I want you to keep making that funny noise

Regulating Challenging Moments

- Sigh and calm down when you pat my back

- Stop fussing when you get my clean diaper on

□ I can calm down when you rock me,

touch me, or make gentle sounds.

Settle onto your shoulder when it's time for nap and

- Quiet my crying when you hold me and sway back and forth

- Calm down when I look and see you coming to pick me up

Sharing & Managing Emotions

I can smile and laugh with you when you make a silly sound or a toy makes a fun noise.

- Watch and chuckle when you make funny sounds in the bathroom mirror
- Look for you and giggle when you cover up your face with a blanket
- Notice you squeezing my squeaky toy and smile at you
- Look at my sister and smile when she dances and sings in front of me
- Turn and notice when you walk in the room and call my name in a sing-song voice

Understanding Messages

- □ I can notice things that make sounds or move around me.
- Look toward my musical toy that you just turned on
- Notice you when you lean in to my crib to pick up my blanket
- Watch as my sister comes near my seat and talks to me
- Notice Grampa walk in the room and call my name while I'm mouthing my teether
- Watch you reach for my new diaper

Self-Directed Learning

Creating New Ideas

- □ I explore things by touching, batting, and mouthing.
- Touch your arm while nursing

you sing softly

- Flail my arms toward my brother when comes to tickle me
- Hit at a soft toy that is making a noise
- Mouth my fingers and toes
- Touch your face when you lean down to kiss me



Emotional Regulation





