SOCIAL COMMUNICATION GROWTH CHARTS

Milestones that Matter Most 5-6 months

Thread 1) Gestures & Meanings

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- □ I can try to roll over and take or touch a toy that you offer.
- Roll over from my tummy to reach toward a bottle you offer me
- Lean toward you in my support seat and touch the spoon as you offer a bite
- Turn to my side to touch the cat as it walks by
- Reach for and grab a washcloth as you wipe my face
- Roll over from my back and grab for a toy that you place near me

Thread 1) Using Actions with Objects

- □ I can reach to take and hold an object while on my back or belly.
- Reach for my clean diaper while you're changing me
- Pull and hold the burp cloth on your shoulder while I'm nursing
- Grab the wet towel when you wipe my face
- Reach and pull my brother's hair when he lays down next to me
- Take and hold the stuffed toy you put near me during tummy time

Thread 1) Social Attention

- □ I can shift my attention from you to an object and back to you.
- Look at the spoon with sweet potatoes on it and then look back at your face
- Watch you as you change my diapers, then notice the wet wipe you grab, and look back at you
- Notice you pet the dog, then reach out to the dog and look back at you
- Watch your face as you undress me, then look at my sock as you pull it off, and back at you as we giggle
- Look at you, then shift my attention to the colorful block you're holding, and look back at you

Thread 1) Sharing & Managing Emotions

- □ I can use different sounds to let you know I'm happy.
- Look at you and chuckle when you make a silly noise
- Squeal to show I'm happy when Grandma picks me up
- Make happy sounds when you hand me my bottle
- Cackle and wave my arms with excitement when the cat comes near me
- Make a "mmm mmm" sound when I take a bite of something yummy

Thread 1) Understanding Messages

- □ I can notice what you say and do and change my expression or action.
- Turn toward you when you snuggle beside me
- Look at you when you say "Uh oh" as my banana falls
- Pull my leg out as you're taking my pants off
- Grab my bib as you unsnap it and say "all done"
- Reach out to touch your hands and smile when you clap and say "Pat a cake"

Emotional Regulation



Thread 2) Sounds & Words

- □ I can use my voice to make different sounds in a variety of activities.
- Make happy squealing noises as I look at you
- Use a whiny voice when I can't reach my pacifier
- Make raspberry noises while you're changing my diaper
- Make cooing sounds like "ahhh" when you move close to me
- Giggle as I splash in the tub

Thread 2) Social Sharing with Objects

- □ I can enjoy interacting with you while holding an object.
- Grasp my spoon with your help, and watch you fix my food
- Get excited and look to you when I see you coming with my bottle
- Look at you and coo while I'm patting the dog
- Use my voice and smile while I hold a rattle
- Look toward you while I chew on my teething keys

Social Interaction Thread 2) Intentional Communication

- I can use my voice and movements when I need something.
- Kick my legs and fuss to let you know I'm really hungry
- Grunt and move my arms when my toy is stuck
- Reach and use my voice when you're holding something I want
- Bounce my body and giggle when you pick me up
- Look at you and use a whiny voice to let you know I'm uncomfortable

Thread 2) Regulating Challenging Moments

- □ I can start to calm down when I see you coming to comfort me.
- Sigh and stop crying when you pick me up and hand me my pacifier
- Use a softer voice when I see my food is coming
- Cling to you as we watch the noisy trash truck
- Lean toward you for comfort when the dog starts barking
- Settle down in my crib when I hear you singing to me

Self-Directed Learning



Thread 2) Creating New Ideas

- □ I can try different actions and watch to see what happens.
- Shake my rattle and notice the noise my rattle makes when I move it
- Kick the stroller footrest to make a loud thump
- Mouth a bumpy teether to explore its shape, then bang it on my car seat
- Squeeze a crinkle toy to hear the noise
- Wiggle over in my crib to reach my blanket



Language



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Play