









# Beautiful Beginnings: A Developmental Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers

18–24 MONTHS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 <b>Communication</b>	Expressing Basic Needs with Words	Combining 2 Words	Asking "What's That?"	Matching Objects to Pictures	Repeating Nursery Rhymes	Anticipating Lines in a Familiar Story	Singing Songs	Continuing a Love of Books
 <b>Gross Motor</b>	Pushing and Pulling	Running	Learning First Somersaults	Walking on a Balance Beam	Understanding <i>In, Out, and Through</i>	Kicking a Ball	Playing Independently on Riding Toys	Following the Leader
 <b>Fine Motor</b>	Practicing First Scooping	Playing with Sticky Shapes	Matching Lids and Jars	Transferring with Large and Small Spoons	Stringing Large Beads	Using Funnels	Shelling Corn	Cup-to-Cup Pouring
 <b>Intellectual</b>	Putting Small Objects in a Container	Using a 3-Piece Shape Sorter	Understanding <i>Part and Whole</i>	Problem Solving	Nesting 3 Cups or Boxes	Stacking Many Blocks	Matching by Color	Telling Immediate Experience
 <b>Discovery</b>	Bottle Painting	Playing at the Sand Table	Playing with Playdough	Finger Painting	Playing Parachute	Taking a 5-Senses Nature Walk	Painting with Water	Cooking
 <b>Social</b>	Expressing Affection	Expressing Emotional Control	Dealing with Fears	Understanding <i>Mine</i>	Giving Things Back	Putting Stickers on Body Parts	Using Adults as Resources	Knowing Self from Mirror Image
 <b>Self-Help</b>	Bringing Things for Nap	Using a Spoon to Eat	Washing Hands and Face with Help	Zippering and Unzippering	Undressing	Learning First Outdoor Safety Rules	Blowing Nose	Indicating When Wet and Dry
 <b>Pretend</b>	Holding Telephone to Ear	Rocking a "Baby"	Sweeping/Washing Dishes	Trying on Hats and Purses	Pretending to Drive	Pretending to Cook	Using Objects for People	Using Objects for Objects