

Speech & Occupational Therapy Indicators

By 18 - 24 months of age...

- Does your child say 50-200 words including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and social phrases?
- Is your child's speech able to be understood 50% of the time?
- Does your child answer simple questions and make choices when given options?
- Does your child combine more than one word to make phrases?
- Does your child use words more than gestures to communicate?
- Does your child follow simple two step directions?
- Does your child begin to hold a crayon with fingertips and thumb?
- Does your child build a tower 3-4 blocks high?
- Does your child turn pages in a book one page at a time?

By 2-3 years of age...

- Does your child sound like friends their age?
- Does your child combine 2-3 words together? e.g. "No juice" or "Me want cookie"
- Does your child communicate thoughts, wants, needs, and ideas without getting frustrated?
- Can friends and family understand your child?
- Does your child gain your attention using words? "e.g. "Look at me!"
- Does your child engage in reading a book or toy for 5-10 minutes?
- Does your child know 3-4 colors and major body parts?
- Does your child hold a crayon with their fingers instead of using their whole hand?
- Can your child snip paper with scissors?
- Is your child able to use a spoon and fork to eat?
- Can your child take off and put on their shoes and coat?
- Can your child pedal a tricycle?

If you answered "No" to any of the Speech (green) or Occupational (blue) skills questions above, your child may benefit from a screening. Contact Cindy McKibben or Jenny Monte at info@mckibbenandmonte.com