# **12-18 MONTHS**

#### **GROSS MOTOR**

#### Walking

- Begins to stand (independently)
- Takes independent steps
- · Walks with hand hold
- · Not quite developed balance reactions in standing

## COGNITIVE/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- · Can point to body parts
- · Learning through exploration
- Showing interest in other children
- Begins simple pretend play (feed a baby doll)
- · Begins imitation of others behavior

# **18-36 MONTHS**

#### **GROSS MOTOR**

- · Better developed balance reactions when standing
- · Jumps up off ground
- Walk down stairs, with hand support, two feet on each stair, may begin to alternate feet
- · Kick a ball forwards with assistance
- Run
- · Begin to ride big wheels/tricycles
- Climb
- Can carry/pull object/wagon
- Can pick up object from floor without falling over

## COGNITIVE/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- · Continuing to learn through exploration
- · Starts to imitate more complex adult actions
- Names at least 6 body parts
- Can follow/set simple goals, 1-2 step directions (get object, maneuver over something)
- · Shows interest in pretend play
- · Shoes interest in books, stories, songs
- Plays alongside other children and gets excited with other children (simple games like chase)
- Showing more independence and defiance

# **3-6 YEARS**

## **GROSS MOTOR**

- Learning and perfecting complex and coordination body movement skills
- Hopping, jumping, climbing, running, riding bikes
- Clumsy throwing/kicking balls progressing toward sports

## COGNITIVE/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Beginning self-talk
- Can recall short sequence of steps
- Can be easily frustrated in new challenging tasks or lose attention span
- Beginning "why" questions





# **3 YEARS**

#### **GROSS MOTOR**

- · Standing on one foot for one seconds
- · Walk forward heel to toes 3 steps
- Walks on tiptoes 2 meters
- Walk in a straight line
- Walks down/up stairs with alternating feet with hand hold
- · Climb low play equipment play ladders
- Runs and can change speeds
- Hops on one foot (easier on preferred foot)
- · Attempts balance board without help
- · Walks forwards on balance board with hand assistance
- · Catches ball with arms/hand and chest/body
- Imitate simple bilateral movement (ex: arms up together)
- Jump with both feet together 5 times

## COGNITIVE/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Identifies body parts
- · Identifies colors by matching or pointing at least
- · Identifies shapes/matches or points
- · Can count small objects
- Follow simple instructions or simple sequences
- Can do a puzzle with 3-4 pieces
- Imagination to create stories or play
- · Copies adults and friends
- · Starts to take turns
- · Enjoys routines

# **4 YEARS**

## **GROSS MOTOR**

- Stands on one foot for 5 seconds
- Walks down stairs alternating feet (hand assistance potentially still) while carrying object in one hand
- Skips on one foot
- Walks balance board with hands at side, heel to toe, backwards with hands at side, backward toe to heel
- · Catches ball with arms/body
- Throws ball 4 meters
- Can rhythmically move 2 separate body parts or walk to rhythm
- Pushed wagon with one food, riding and steering
- Jumping 10 times in a row
- Jump over an object and land with both feet
- Climb on objects and ladders
- Begin to learn and perform a forward roll safely

## COGNITIVE/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Building on previous activities
- Follows directions involving spatial directions (front, under, beside, above, etc).
- Follows 2-3 step directions
- Begins to understand time
- · Shows interest in play with board games/card games
- Can tell you what they think might happen next in a situation or story
- Can count 5 objects
- Begin to cooperate with other children
- Prefers to play with others than alone
- Seeks new experiences





# **5 YEARS**

# **GROSS MOTOR**

- · Stands on one foot for 10 seconds
- · Walks backwards toe to heel six steps
- · Skips with alternating feet
- · Runs 45 meters in 15 seconds
- · Catches bounces ball with both hands
- · Catches thrown ball with hands and chest or both hands
- Throws ball 5 meters
- Beanbag tosses into a basket 2 meters away 1 or 2 out of 5 times.
- · Rides small bike with training wheels
- · Walks up and down stairs, carrying an object in each hand
- · Kicks a ball after taking 2 steps
- Hanging from a bar for at least 5 seconds
- Hop on 1 foot

## COGNITIVE/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Knows first and last when used to describe positions or tasks
- · Counts 10 or more objects
- · Understand the concept of time
- · Wants to please friends and adults
- · Wants to be liked
- Agrees to rules more easily
- · Knows the difference between pretend and real
- · Seeks new experience and independence
- · Shows both cooperation and demanding preferences

# **6 YEARS**

### **GROSS MOTOR**

- Standing on one foot for one second with eyes closed
- Standing on one foot for 10 seconds
- Runs around obstacles 45 meters in 12 seconds
- · Catches thrown ball with both hands
- Throws ball 6 meters
- Beanbag toss into basket from 2 meters hitting 3 or 4 out of 5 times
- Gallops, jumps and runs in a rhythm to simple music
- Rides small bike without training wheels
- Kick a ball with reasonable coordination
- Begins using a jump rope
- Jumps forward with both feet together

# COGNITIVE/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Knows second, middle, third in descriptions for positions or tasks
- Cooperates and shares
- Can be jealous of others
- Copy adults
- Can play alone but also enjoys and friend time becomes important

# **7-9 YEARS**

### **GROSS MOTOR**

- · Move across monkey bars
- · Stand and maintain one foot balance
- · Ride a bike well
- All of the previous skills, plus ability to develop and learn new complex movements with practice and repetition

### COGNITIVE/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- · Starts to enjoy competition in games
- · Friends are very important