



# Tips for Toddlers

## Things to Keep in Mind When Using the Calendar

- During the activities talk slowly and clearly, using two to four word sentences.
- Label and talk about everything - when walking outside, doing crafts, and spending time inside.
- When using books, choose ones with many pictures. Point to and talk about the pictures with your child.
- When your child labels an object, expand on it. (When your child says, “Flower”, say, “Pretty flower”.)
- Do the activities with other children so that your child can learn how to communicate with others and learn how to share.
- When your child tries to say a new word,

## Most Toddlers Will:

- Understand more words than they can say.
- Follow simple directions (such as: “Show me your ear.”, or, “Put the doll to bed.”).
- Answer “yes” or “no” questions.
- Make animal sounds.
- Use two to four word sentences (“More juice”, “Me do it”).
- Use describing words (big tree, hot food).
- Enjoy listening to stories, songs, and rhymes.
- Have short conversations with people they

## Are You Concerned? - When to Seek Help

If your child:

- ▶ Has repeated ear infections.
- ▶ Does not play or is not interested in others.
- ▶ Has problems making him/herself understood.
- ▶ Speaks using very few words, or never puts two or more words together.

\*\* Check the Preschool Speech and Language Directory for your local program.