



Social and Emotional Development Milestones Checklist^{3,7} SE3036

Handout C6



At this stage of development, your child may...

- Hug, kiss, and show affection to others
- Use language to socialize with others like "thank you" or "bye-bye"
- Play with other children and take turns more easily
- Play pretend games and use their imagination during play
- Get upset to a change in their routine
- Respond to others' emotions. For instance, they may hug someone if they're crying or they may start to cry also
- Be more comfortable around new people
- Prefer to try doing tasks on their own without help
- Seem fearful of new things at first
- Want to please others and have their efforts pointed out

Reminder...
Children grow and develop at different rates. Your child may be following a different path than other toddlers the same age.

How you can support social and emotional development...

- Introduce them to familiar and new people
- Show them affection by hugging and kissing them
- Point out their efforts even if they don't succeed or accomplish a task
- Catch them doing good by encouraging positive behavior
- Provide opportunities for them to play with other children
- Encourage pretend or make-believe play
- Use pretend play to talk about feelings, how to do basic care tasks, and more
- Stay close by during playtime to help them solve problems or conflicts

Character Builders is the Daily Do you can use many times throughout the day to support your toddler's social and emotional development.