

26-30 Weeks

Can now sit alone, often keeping body erect for as long as half an hour. This will lead to ability to stand alone later. When you hold him upright, he can support a large portion of his weight for a short time.

Likes to sit up, enjoys high chair.

Continues to discover things in the small world around him. Can still use eyes better than hands. Yet the hands and eyes seem to work together, each guiding the other. Now inspects individual objects closely and becomes more adept at reaching for an object and transferring it from one hand to the other and back.

Likes to have something to handle and brings it to mouth.

Sees toy in front of him, grasps it, brings it to lip and tongue for tactile impressions, bangs it for sound and motion, transfers it from hand to hand and back again for manipulatory experiences, twists it for visual perception.

Slaps at a string on a table with a flat palm.

May now babble and squeal, and listens to own "talk". Much more preoccupied with his private world than with other people. Not much concerned with the appearance of strangers. Doesn't pay attention to words. Delights in new abilities and may play with a single toy for a long time or respond socially to his mirror image by smiling and patting the glass.

Can amuse self for short periods. Smiles at onlookers and is usually friendly both with familiars and strangers. Listens to words spoken by others. Also listens to own vocalizations.

Increasing mastery of body movements and increased awareness guide him in active, purposeful movements toward things he wants. Although many objects are still beyond his reach, tries hard to reach them.

Hands are not as "paw-like" as they were. Beginning to use his thumb more adeptly.

Vocalizes impatience when sees a bottle/dish/parent preparing food. Cannot grasp a spoon adeptly by the hand or use it as a utensil.

Begins to respond to more than one person at a time and likes to be handed back and forth.