

Toddlers

An acronym to help you remember the developmental stages of children 18 - 36 months old.

Talkative - A toddler will talk and talk and talk. Toddlers will listen to stories for a short while, play pretend games, and recount their day in detail.

On their own way - Toddlers are interested in the here and now. They cannot comprehend moral stories, death or illness, and can't do many arts and craft projects.

Dependent and independent - Sometimes very bold and independent. Other times, hiding behind mom.

Different - Toddlers have a wide range of developmental interests and abilities. Be prepared!

Loving - Toddlers have an increased awareness of their own feelings. These feelings are exhibited in pride of creation, expression of feelings (hugs), and concern for others.

Everywhere - Toddlers are so active! They have just become mobile and want to get at all objects everywhere.

Responsive - Toddlers learn through engagement. Touching, tasting, feeling, observing and hearing.

Selfish - Toddlers are egocentric. They frequently want their own way, do not share and interrupt during stories.