

Developmental Milestones: Cognitive/Exploring Their World

Child explores sensory materials in a variety of ways

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Spatial awareness
- Fine motor skills
- Curiosity
- Verbal and non-verbal development
- Problem-solving
- Observation skills

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Child begins to explore blocks

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Spatial awareness
- Hand dexterity and strength
- Creative development
- Self-confidence
- Fine motor control
- Thinking, reasoning & problem-solving

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Child shows interest in mixing colors of water or paint

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Curiosity
- Visual discrimination
- Creativity & imagination
- Interest in art
- Self-confidence
- Fine motor skills
- Thinking, reasoning & problem-solving

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Child understands the process of gluing

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Eye-hand coordination
- Hand dexterity
- Spatial awareness
- Creativity
- Interest in art
- Self-confidence

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Child pretends that a doll or stuffed animal has feelings

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Recall of actual experiences
- Visualization of life experiences through use of toy props
- Imagination; fantasy play
- Expressive language
- Self-confidence

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Child imitates adult actions

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Self-awareness
- Consistent focus/attention span
- Self-confidence
- Thinking; reasoning
- Memory
- Observation of surroundings

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Child builds by stacking blocks on top of each other

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Spatial awareness
- Hand dexterity and strength
- Fine motor skills
- Creative development
- Self-confidence
- Thinking, reasoning & problem-solving

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Child builds by laying blocks end-to-end

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Spatial awareness
- Hand dexterity and strength
- Fine motor control
- Creative development
- Self-confidence
- Thinking, reasoning & problem-solving

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Child shows simple symbolic play

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Recall of actual experiences
- Visualization of life experiences through use of toy props
- Imagination; fantasy play
- Expressive language

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Child shows curiosity and interest in surroundings

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Observation skills
- Curiosity
- Spatial awareness
- Self-awareness
- Sense of community
- Verbal and non-verbal development