

## VISION DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

<b>Birth to 6 weeks of age:</b>
• Stares at surrounding when awake
• Momentarily holds gaze on bright light or bright object
• Blinks at camera flash
• Eyes and head move together
• One eye may seem turned in at times
<b>8 weeks to 24 weeks:</b>
• Eyes begin to move more widely with less head movement
• Eyes begin to follow moving objects or people (8-12 weeks)
• Watches parent's face when being talked to (10-12 weeks)
• Begins to watch own hands (12-16 weeks)
• Eyes move in active inspection of surroundings (18-20 weeks)
• While sitting, looks at hands, food, bottle (18-24 weeks)
• Now looking for, and watching more distant objects (20-28 weeks)
<b>30 weeks to 48 weeks:</b>
• May turn eyes inward while inspecting hands or toy (28-32 weeks)
• Eyes more mobile and move with little head movement (30-36 weeks)
• Watches activities around him for longer periods of time (30-36 weeks)
• Looks for toys he drops (32-38 weeks)
• Visually inspects toys he can hold (38-40 weeks)
• Creeps after favorite toy when seen (40-44 weeks)
• Sweeps eyes around room to see what's happening (44-48 weeks)
• Visually responds to smiles and voice of others (40-48 weeks)
• More and more visual inspection of objects and persons (46-52 weeks)
<b>12 months to 18 months:</b>
• Now using both hands and visually steering hand activity (12-14 months)
• Visually interested in simple pictures (14-16 months)
• Often holds objects very close to eyes to inspect (14-18 months)
• Points to objects or people using words "look" or "see" (14-18 months)
• Looks for and identifies pictures in books (16-18 months)
<b>24 months to 36 months:</b>
• Occasionally visually inspects without needing to touch (20-24 months)
• Smiles, facial brightening when views favorite objects and people (20-24 months)
• Likes to watch movement of wheels, egg beater, etc. (24-28 months)
• Watches own hand while scribbling (26-30 months)
• Visually explores and steers own walking and climbing (30-36 months)
• Watches and imitates other children (30-36 months)
• Can now begin to keep coloring on the paper (34-38 months)
• "Reads" pictures in books (34-38 months)
<b>40 months to 48 months:</b>
• Brings head and eyes close to page of book while inspecting (40-44 months)
• Draws and names circle and cross on paper (40-44 months)
• Can close eyes on request, and may be able to wink one eye (46-50 months)
<b>4 years to 5 years:</b>
• Uses eyes and hands together well and in increasing skill
• Moves and rolls eyes in an expressive way
• Draws and names pictures
• Colors within lines
• Cuts and pastes quite well on simple pictures
• Copies simple forms and some letters
• Can place small objects in small openings
• Passes all the tests described in Important Observation Parents Can Make
• Visually alert and observant of surroundings
• Tells about places, objects, or people seen elsewhere
• Shows increasing visual interest in new objects and place