

## WHAT I CAN DO...

- Understand new words easily and begin using them when speaking
- Make up stories
- Talk on the phone
- Talk about the emotions I am feeling
- Name colors accurately
- Draw pictures
- Help with jobs around the house
- Have one or two friends that I really like to play with
- Take turns while playing
- Act out a scene in pretend play
- Tell you my address, phone number, or birthday
- Play with an interesting toy or activity for 15-30 minutes
- Finish a project that was previously started
- Draw a picture of my family
- Do a somersault
- Understand the basic concept of time

## 54 - 60 MONTHS

(4½ - 5 YEARS)

## HOW YOU CAN HELP ME...

- Talk to me and listen to what I have to say
- Set expectations and tell me what I can do
- Have art supplies for me to create with
- Provide a print-rich environment (lots of books, writing, talking about letters)
- Encourage me to tell you a story

## WHEN TO TALK TO MY DOCTOR...

- I talk in short phrases rather than complete sentences
- I use the same words and do not say different parts of speech
- I listen, but do not sing along with familiar songs
- I only show one or two emotions rather than a wide variety
- I tell you something but do not ask questions
- I do not like to run, climb, jump, walk on a balance beam, or swing at the park
- I do not play with friends/peers
- I play with toys only one way and do not use my imagination in play