

The Language Express



Emergent Literacy Checklist: Birth – 2 ½

Name: _____

***Note: These are not norms, they are red flags**

By 6 months **Date Completed:** _____

- Sits on lap and holds head up steadily
- Enjoys music, songs and rhymes
- Reaches for and explores books with hands and mouth
- Uses both hands to manipulate the book to make the pages open and close
- Looks intently at pictures for several minutes
- Shows preference for photographs of faces

By 12 months **Date Completed:** _____

- Plays social games with you (e.g. peek a boo)
- Shows interest in looking at books
- Holds book with help
- Looks at pictures, vocalizes and pats picture.
- Tries to turn several pages at a time

By 18 months **Date Completed:** _____

- Enjoys tickle, bounce and nursery rhymes
- Enjoys being read to and looking at books
- Able to carry book and turn pages well
- Identifies pictures in a book (e.g. Show me the baby)
- Points at pictures with one finger
- Labels a particular picture with a specific sound
- Relates an object or an action in a book to the real world
- Holds a crayon or pencil in fist and marks paper, scribbles

By 2 years **Date Completed:** _____

- Asks for favourite books to be read over and over again
- Holds books the right way up and turns pages easily, one at a time
- Names familiar pictures
- Fills in words of familiar stories
- Can join in and recite phrases
- Pretends to read
- Notices print rather than just the pictures
- Relates events in books to his/her own past experiences
- Scribbles
- Copies vertical lines

Ages and Stages of Numeracy Development

Name: _____

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2 years old

- Labels toys with number words
- Can represent 1 and 2 (with fingers or objects)
- Can sort simple shapes (using a shape sorter)
- Starting to rote count

2-3 years old

- Counts with number names, often unordered
- Can represent 3 (with fingers)
- Learning to rote count to 10
- Knows first and last
- Can recognize and identify a circle (by 3)

Sequence of Print Development

1. Pre-conventional

- Scribble



Mock Letter



- Random Letter Strings



2. Semi-phonetic



3. Phonetic



4. Transitional



5. Conventional

