

Language & Play Dates Guide to

PEER PLAY

3 Signs Your Child is in Each Play Stage

SOLITARY BIRTH TO 2

- CHILD PLAYS ALONE FOR UP TO 5 MINUTES
- PLAYS WITH OBJECTS APPROPRIATELY
- USES ALL OF THEIR SENSES TO EXPLORE- TOUCH, TASTE, FEEL, SMELL, HEAR

PARALLEL 2-3 YEARS

- LOOK AT A PEER PLAYING WITH A SIMILAR TOY
- WANT TO BE NEAR THEIR PEERS
- COPY ADULTS AND OTHER CHILDREN

ASSOCIATIVE 3-4 YEARS

- BEGINS TO TAKE TURNS IN PLAY AND CONVERSATION
- CAN BORROW AND TAKE TURNS WITH TOYS
- PARTICIPATES IN PRETEND PLAY

COOPERATIVE 4-5 YEARS

- ABLE TO WORK WITH PEER TOWARDS A GOAL AND/OR TO ACT EVENT OUT
- CHILD IS ABLE TO SHARE IDEAS & TELL OTHERS WHAT TO DO
- ABLE TO FOLLOW RULES WITH TURN TAKING AND SHARING