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| **Language and**  **Communication** | **Attending and Understanding** | **Communicating and Speaking** | **Vocabulary** | **Emergent Literacy** |
| **Birth to 9 Months** | Shows interest in verbal and nonverbal communication  TSG 8a | Vocalizes and gestures to communicate by babbling and combining sounds  TSG 9a, b | Begins looking at familiar people, animals, and objects when named  TSG 8a, b | Explores and engages while looking at books with adults  TSG 17a |
| **8 to 18 Months** | Shows understanding when identifying familiar people, objects, and animals when prompted verbally or non-verbally  TSG 8a, 10a, 8 | Uses of variety of ways to communicate and uses words, gestures, and sounds  TSG 8a, 9a, b | Looks at or points to familiar people, animals, and objects. Imitates and understands meaning of some words and signs  TSG 9a, 10a, b | Holding and turning pages of books and points to pictures while interacting with an adult  TSG 17a |
| **16 to 36 Months** | Shows understanding of some words and phrases while communicating and follows 1-2 step directions  TSG 8a, b, 9a, b, c, d, 10a, b | Combines words and simple sentences to communicate and participates in conversation  TSG 10a, b | Understands the meaning of common words and adds new words regularly  TSG 9c, d, 10a, b | Pretends to read a familiar book and treats each page individually from front to back  TSG 17a, b, 18a, b |