



JANE BROWN
Executive Director

Stages of Development

Two years nine months to five years

- May still nap during the day (for shorter periods of time)
- Gains much more body control; becomes fully toilet-trained
- Better able to express himself through words
- Able to play cooperatively with other children
- Starts to have more self-control over behavior
- Develops close attachments or “best friends”
- Still not able to differentiate between fantasy and reality
- Acts out fears and anxieties; nightmares may occur
- Still needs control, may have set ideas of what to wear or eat
- Transitions may still be hard
- May experiment with lying or telling tales
- Develops awareness of death
- Loves to engage in dramatic or fantasy play