What To Expect When Your Child is 2 to 3 Years Old

- At this age, your child:
  - Learns to notice more how others feel
  - May be stubborn and have temper tantrums
  - May enjoy being around other children
  - May like to jump, hop, roll and climb
  - Does a lot of pretend play
  - Learns lots of new words
  - Put together two, three and four word sentences

- At this age, your child needs the chance to:
  - Do puzzles, string beads and scribble
  - Do more things for himself, such as getting dressed
  - Sing, talk and learn more words
  - Play with other children
  - Go to the park, library, beach, zoo or other interesting places
What To Expect When Your Child is 3 to 4 Years Old

• At this age, your child:
  - Starts to play with other children
  - Is more likely to take turns and share
  - Is friendly and giving
  - Starts to understand that other people have feelings and rights
  - Likes silly humor, riddles and joke
  - Likes to please and be like others

• Your child also:
  - Enjoys new experiences
  - Starts to get dressed without help. May need help with shoelaces and buttons
  - May start to have fears (“Mommy, there’s a monster under my bed.”)
  - May have imaginary friends
  - Likes to dance, run, skip, jump with both feet, catch a ball and be active
  - Starts to speak in complete sentences
  - Has more control over hand and arm muscles
  - Tries out different ways to move his or her body

• At this age, your child needs the chance to:
  - Learn more and more words. Use books, games, art and music
  - Try to do things for himself or herself, like getting dressed
  - Draw with crayons and work puzzles
  - Build things and pretend
  - Play with other children
  - Learn to listen and take turns
  - Play, jump and run