What Should My Child Be Doing?

Here are some things that your child should be doing every day:

Age – 18 Months

- can show that they know words like
  - on  (Put your cup on the table)
  - off (Turn the light off)
  - in  (Your foot goes in your shoe)
  - out (Take the book out of the bag)
- can point to 5 body parts when you ask them
- can say 20 or more words
  - the words may not sound clear (says “buh” for “bus”)
- knows more words than they can say
- answers simple questions with a word or an action (“Where’s the ball? – may go look for it, point to it, or say “ball”)
- does simple pretend things like talking on the phone, eating toy food, putting a doll to bed
- uses the sounds that are easy to make (m, p, b, d, w, h)
- likes when you
  - look at books
  - read simple stories with you
- can point to some pictures in a book