Developmental Surveillance: Using the TREEHOUSE Developmental Narrative for Observation

**YI (Young Infants):** 0-6 months  
**OI (Older Infants):** 6-12 months  
**YT (Young Toddlers):** 12-18 months  
**OT (Older Toddlers):** 18-24 months

**Communication:**

**YI:** *vocalization* (cooing/ babbling)  
**OI:** *preverbal gestures* (“hi”, “bye”, “pick me up”, pointing)  
**YT:** *verbalization:* receptive language and rudimentary expressive language (single words, jargoning)  
**OT:** exponential increase in expressive language (words and telegraphic speech)

**Motor Development: Head to toe**

**YI:** Head, neck, upper extremities  
**OI:** Trunk and lower extremities  
**YT/OT:** Lower extremities

**Cognitive: Learning and Play**

**YI:** does *with* objects (mouthing)  
**OI:** does *to* objects (exploratory play- banging, shaking, dropping)  
**YT:** uses objects *functionally* (pop up toys, puzzles, stacking rings, blocks, crayons)  
**OT:** uses objects *imaginatively* (dolls, cars, pretend play, dress ups)
Social Emotional: Attachment (Year 1)/ Separation, Exploration and Autonomy (Year 2)

YI: social smile/ laughing

OI: stranger discrimination and stranger anxiety

YT: separation anxiety/ exploration/ shared joy (joint attention)

OT: autonomy