



YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

Age: About 6 years

Motor Skills

- Body coordination increases. Better able to engage in activities like jump rope, roller-skating, hopscotch, and hoola-hoop. Increased ability to run, jump, throw and climb.
- Exhibits lots of energy seems to be constantly in motion.
- Prints the alphabet and can write name but writing is large and letters may be reversed.
- Enjoys taking things apart and putting them back together.
- Likes to cut, paste, color and mold objects.
- Draws more actively.
- Can tie shoelaces.
- Development of permanent teeth.
- Enjoys conversation.

Educational Achievements

- Shows interest in reading. Recognizes sight and sounds of the letters of the alphabet.
- Learns sight words (frequently encountered words like go, the, to, and).
- Begins to decode words and may read simple books.
- Can count to at least 20 and tell when one number is bigger than another is.
- Interested not only in specific places, but also in relationships between home, school, and the expanding community.
- Learning to distinguish left from right.
- Understands the concept of days of the week.

Social Skills

- Eager to learn and eager to please.
- Plays well in a group setting but wants to be first and is very eager to win. May be bossy.
- Becomes attached to the teacher.
- Shifts from one activity to another more easily. Is better able to put something away to complete it later on.
- May have trouble making up his mind. Frequently shifts decisions back and forth.
- Being with friends becomes increasingly important.
- Enjoys simple board games that reinforce counting skills