

Skill Development

5 YEARS TO 7 YEARS

EMERGING SKILLS DURING AGE RANGE

- □ Can produce all speech sounds with little to no errors
- □ Continue to expand their vocabulary and use of a variety of word forms including past tense, superlatives, and pronouns
- Continues to demonstrate the ability to follow multi-step directions
- □ Produces sentences with 7+ words
- Uses their imagination to create stories
- □ Understands and is able to describe function of objects, for example "What do you do with a cup?"
- □ Identifies letters and shapes
- □ Uses propositions like in, on, under, etc.
- □ Names categories
- □ Cuts shapes
- ¬ Writes their own name
- □ Has a mature writing utensil grasp by using three fingers
- □ Hand dominance is defined
- □ Completes complex puzzles
- □ Able to go across monkey bars
- □ Rides a bike with or without training wheels
- □ Jumps sideways
- □ Hops on one foot
- □ Balances on their tip toes for 10+ seconds
- □ Completes all clothing fasteners
- □ Has defined coloring skills
- □ Has defined shape cutting skills
- □ Uses a knife to spread food items

Developmental Toys & Activities

- → Encourage making predictions while reading stories
- → Color or craft projects that has multiple steps
- → Continue refinement of writing first and last names
- → Progress to writing sentences
- → Complete more complex puzzles with 12 pieces or more
- → Board games
- → Outside play or creating obstacle courses inside
- → Complex Lego sets
- → Playdoh and Slime
- → Able to complete household chores

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