

Developmental Milestones

Years 5 & 6

- ❑ **Social/Emotional:**
 - ◆ wants to please and be like friends
 - ◆ more likely to agree with rules
 - ◆ likes to sing, dance, and act
 - ◆ is aware of gender
 - ◆ shows more independence

- ❑ **Language:**
 - ◆ clearly speaking
 - ◆ tells a simple story using full sentences
 - ◆ says name and address

- ❑ **Cognitive:**
 - ◆ counts 10 or more items
 - ◆ draws a person with at least 6 body parts
 - ◆ can print some letters or numbers
 - ◆ copies geometric shapes

- ❑ **Physical:**
 - ◆ stands on one foot for many seconds
 - ◆ jumps, hops, and may skip
 - ◆ uses eating utensils correctly
 - ◆ toileting independently
 - ◆ swings and climbs

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Tell Your Health Care Provider If Your Child

- ◆ doesn't show a wide range of emotions
- ◆ shows extreme/unusual behavior
- ◆ is unusually withdrawn and not active
- ◆ has trouble focusing on one activity for more than 5 minutes
- ◆ doesn't respond to people, or responds only superficially
- ◆ has limited grasp on reality
- ◆ is not playing a variety of games and activities
- ◆ cannot give first and last name
- ◆ doesn't use plurals or past tense properly
- ◆ not speaking about daily activities or experiences
- ◆ doesn't draw pictures
- ◆ can't prepare self for day without help
- ◆ loses skills once learned

** Remember: All children develop and grow at their own pace.**

School Readiness

- ❑ Getting children prepared for kindergarten starts before birth with good prenatal care and habits
 - ◆ as they grow the most important things to do are to read, talk and play with them daily
- ❑ Sharing these interactions builds brain power and important pre-reading skills
- ❑ Preparing your kids emotionally and socially for school is critical to learning success
- ❑ Children need to feel safe and loved to reach their full potential
- ❑ Academic skills are important, but can be added if the child is ready to learn, knows how to behave in a classroom setting, and can interact with other children and adults
- ❑ Preparation for school leads to learning success for years to come!

School Readiness

Healthy Kids are Ready Kids!

5 Ways to be Ready for Kindergarten

Ready to Share and Care-

Social/emotional skills are most important- children should:

- ◆ take turns
- ◆ try new things
- ◆ share
- ◆ control and express feelings
- ◆ independently use the bathroom
- ◆ dress and undress self
- ◆ clean up after self

Ready to Learn and Listen-

Teaching kids the “art of learning” is very important - children should:

- ◆ keep trying to master tasks when encouraged
- ◆ be building self-esteem
- ◆ be prepared to learn in the classroom
- ◆ have listening skills and follow directions

Ready to Talk, Read and Write-

Talking with and reading to children helps develop larger vocabularies, increased attention span and a desire to read more - children should:

- ◆ recognize letters
- ◆ write their own name

Ready to Count and Experiment-

Basic math and science skills, such as counting and curiosity, help prepare early learners - children should:

- ◆ explore the world around them
- ◆ ask questions
- ◆ know some numbers and count to 10

Ready to Exercise and Eat-

Exercise, healthy eating and getting enough sleep are critical for success in school - children should:

- ◆ follow Routines, especially bedtime and mealtime
- ◆ get 10 hours of sleep per night
- ◆ eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily and eat healthful foods for good nutrition
- ◆ limit TV and game time to 2 hours or less daily
- ◆ get 1 hour or more of physical exercise daily
- ◆ drink only water and milk, and have 0 sugary drinks daily

If your child is in the care of family, friends or neighbors during preschool years, or you are concerned about Kindergarten readiness contact the Montelores Early Childhood Council about opportunities and activities to help prepare you and your child for the transition

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Years 7 & 8

Social/ Emotional:

- ◆ becoming more independent from parents and family
- ◆ friends becoming increasingly important
- ◆ thinking about future
- ◆ desires to be accepted by peers

Language:

- ◆ rapidly developing effective communication skills
- ◆ reading independently
- ◆ can correctly use telephone
- ◆ enjoys jokes or riddles

Cognitive:

- ◆ learning basic arithmetic and grammar
- ◆ understands past, present and future
- ◆ tells time
- ◆ knows left from right

Physical:

- ◆ can throw and catch a ball
- ◆ likes to climb and swim
- ◆ rides bicycle
- ◆ draws scenes in pictures (such as house and sky)

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☐ Tell Your Health Care Provider If Your Child:

- ◆ doesn't show a wide range of emotions
- ◆ shows extreme/unusual behavior
- ◆ is unusually withdrawn and not active
- ◆ becomes easily distracted
- ◆ has trouble focusing on one activity for more than 5 minutes
- ◆ is not playing a variety of games and activities
- ◆ is not making friends
- ◆ not speaking about daily activities or experiences
- ◆ doesn't want to go to school
- ◆ doesn't draw pictures
- ◆ loses skills once learned

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