

Talking, Reading, and Writing Milestones

What are young children like?

This chart can help guide your interactions by giving you an idea of what to expect from children ages 2–5. Keep in mind that this is just a general guide and that each child develops at her own pace.

Children ages 2 and 3 may...

- » like rhyming and playing with words and sounds.
- » like repetition and want to hear the same story many times.
- » complete sentences and rhymes in familiar stories.
- » recognize the first letter of their own name.
- » begin to use a crayon to scribble and make marks on paper.

Children ages 3 and 4 may...

- » ask lots of questions.
- » recognize rhymes and make up their own rhyming sounds.
- » begin to copy letters and numbers.
- » remember and retell parts of stories.
- » enjoy scribbling and drawing with a crayon.

Children ages 4 and 5 may...

- » enjoy asking about and using new words.
- » repeat short rhymes and songs.
- » recognize some words in print.
- » draw pictures that tell stories.
- » identify and print their own name.



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