

Preschoolers At a Glance

Once your child is 2 years old, he/she is officially a toddler. It can be hard not to compare your child with other toddling tots. If you're not completely sure what skills are typical at this age, check out the developmental milestones listed. You'll get a better idea of which skills are typically expected of a preschooler and begin to be able to discern between what is developmentally appropriate and what may be considered a developmental delay.

2 Year Olds

- Two-year-olds typically learn many new physical skills.
- Tantrums are a normal way of expressing frustration for 2-year-olds.
- Toddlers usually engage in more pretend play.
- As kids approach age 3, they typically are able to understand most of what you say to them.
- If you have concerns about your child's skills and/overall development, please don't hesitate to contact us. Together we can discuss and explore some of the early intervention services possibly available to your child.

3 Year Olds

Three-year-olds usually get better at using fine motor skills to do things like draw with a crayon. They may be able to use up to five or six words in a sentence as they approach age 4. Kids this age may also start to be more interested in playing with other kids.

- By the end of the third year, most kids will be climbing, running and jumping.
- Before the fourth birthday, kids typically speak well enough that unfamiliar people can understand most of what they say.
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4 Year Olds

- Many 4-year-olds grow much taller and more coordinated by their fifth birthday.
- Many kids are able to pay attention to an activity for 10 to 15 minutes by the end of the year.
- Four-year-olds typically begin using more complicated sentences that combine more than one thought
- By the end of the fourth year, kids are usually asking many "why" questions.
- Four-year-olds may be argumentative and have many words to use when they argue.
- Four-year-olds typically become more independent physically and in friendships.
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5 Year Olds

- Five-year-olds are very active—they typically hop, skip, jump and dance.
- Your five-year-old may begin playing with language to tell silly jokes.
- Many five-year-olds start understanding right and wrong and can be critical of those who don't follow the rules.
- Kindergarten is a big year for learning to do new things.
- By the end of kindergarten, children can typically use language to tell stories and express feelings.
- It's not unusual for kindergartners to have tantrums or get upset when things don't go their way.
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Please keep in mind that every preschooler develops at a different rate/pace. If your child is late to do a few of these things, don't panic. Your child may gain some skills later than other kids or have some skills that are advanced for his age. If your child isn't meeting many of these milestones, consider contacting us so we can discuss how best to proceed. There are a number of ways you, JESSE, and/or your child's preschool can work together to help boost your preschooler's skills. Early intervention is the the key. An educational screening and/or an evaluation may be needed to assist us in determining your child's skills and subsequent needs.