

Enjoy Kindergarten with Pleasure Learning

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Outline

- Child development: from 3 year-old
- Health & Habit
- Adapt to kindergarten life
- Self-learning skills
- Home-school cooperation

Child development at 3 year-old

- 1. Include cognitive, language, and emotional/social skills
- 2. Recognize the various developmental stages and signs of a child
- 3. Help your child grow healthily

- 4. No two children grow in the same, don't compare
- 5. They develop in certain predictable ways, as show in the videos
- 6. Know what to do next if your child is delayed

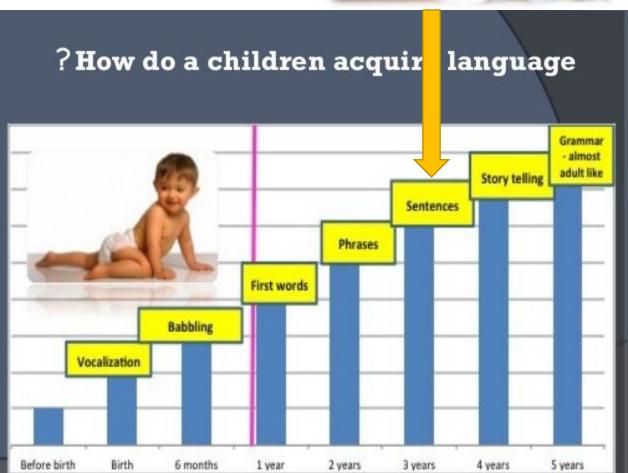
Cognitive Development

- Correctly name familiar colors
- Understand the idea of same and different
- Pretend and fantasize more creatively
- Follow three-part commands
- Remember parts of a story
- Understand time better (for example, morning, afternoon, night)
- Count, and understand the concept of counting
- Sort objects by shape and color
- Complete age-appropriate puzzles
- Recognize and identify common objects and pictures



Language Development

- Say his or her name and age
- Answer simple questions
- Speak clearly
- Tell stories



Emotional and Social Skills

- Fewer tantrums
- Cooperate with his or her friends & take turns
- Imitate parents and friends
- Understands the idea of "mine" and "his/hers"
- Show being sad, angry, happy, or bored



Play to learn



- Writing by free painting, play-doh, bead-threading, up to 4-5 year-old
- Creativity/ intellectual development by drawing, playdoh and building blocks
- Emotional development by sand and water (at beach)
- Speaking by imitating what adults said
- Language development by role play and singing, communicate from words to sentences
- Logic and concepts: words and symbols

Health & Habit



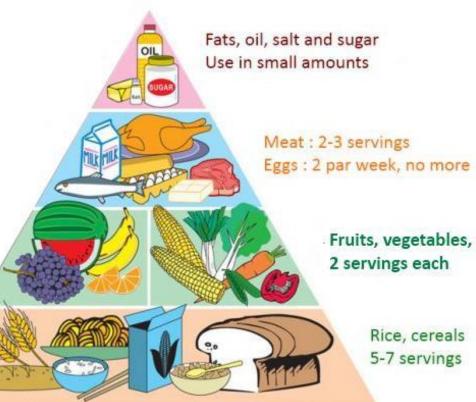
- Notify school if your child has allergic history, special diet
- Self-care: learn to eat, wash hands, wipe mouth, and go to toilet by themselves
- Learn from real life experience: see, hear, taste, touch and communicate with others
- Give them more opportunities to try



Health & Habit

- Get up early
- Sufficient sleep
- Correct postures: sitting & standing
- Personal hygiene
- Fresh and balanced diet
- Regular daily schedule
- Physical activities
- Safety environment
- Consistent rules and attitudes for discipline





Adapt to Kindergarten Life

- Separation with parents
- Stay in unfamiliar environment, spacious area
- Get along with new people
- Pick up after school on time
- Encouragement: play with classmates & follow routines
- Talking and sharing everyday
- Close contact with child's teacher
- Be patience to their emotions
- Beginning: lose temper, crying, sucking fingers or wet bedding (within 1 month)



Self-learning Skills

- Toilet training
- Develop self-care skills: get dressed, zipping, buttoning, shoe-tying...
- Wiping sweat, cleaning runny nose, proper table manners and tidying toys up
- Chance to learn at school: attentive listening, answer questions, express their needs and get along with others



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Home-school Cooperation

- Visit school with your child
- Observe how the child learn at school
- Understand daily school routines
- Keep close contact with class teacher
- Understand the child's performance at school
- Read school's notice and respond on time
- Take part in school activities: volunteer/ picnic/ PTA

School

Student

Community

Family

Give feedback to school

Pleasure Learning at KG

- Promote physical and psychological well-being
- Be generous with encouragement/ praise
- Keep discipline with consistency
- Love but not spoilt
- Good modelling
- Realistic expectation
- Daily talk
- Be patience
- Share happy and sadness
- Close contact with school





