

Typical Growth and Development for 3-5 year-old Children

Most 3 year old children will...

- Use sentences with 3 or more words
- Match colors, shapes and simple pictures
- Put on and take off most clothing
- Use toilet independently
- Ride a tricycle
- Wash and dry hands
- Feed self well
- Repeat three numbers

Most 4 year old children will...

- Walk up and down stairs
- Draw a person with several body parts
- Name several colors
- Ask many questions
- Play near others and share toys or information
- Pay attention to a short story

Most 5 year old children will...

- Count up to 10 objects
- Use 5 to 6 word sentences
- Follow 2-3 step directions
- Cut out simple shapes
- Print their first name
- Color within the lines
- Begin to skip
- Play cooperatively with other children
- Understand "opposite of"