



## How Preschoolers Learn

By careful observation and listening  
Through imitation and repetition  
By testing the limits  
Through imaginative and creative play  
Through experimentation and exploration  
By asking questions

## Developmental Milestones

Masters use of hands and finger: hold pencils, turns pages in a book, draws pictures  
Recognizes most common objects  
Understands most sentences  
Uses five or more words in sentences  
Can tell a story  
Can identify colors, shapes, like objects  
Begins to count  
Understands the concept of "two"  
Develops empathy; learns what "hurts" other children  
Learns to "take turns in games"  
Desires to make friends  
Can understand concept "mine" and "yours"  
Learns through fantasy and imaginative play  
Begins to remember simple rules of behavior  
Understands concepts of "same" and "different"  
Expands ability to express and interpret feelings

**"Love means... spending time and paying attention to children. It means family ritual. Children like structure and they like to have things that they can count on happening."**

- Marian Wright Edelman