**Your Child by 3 Years of Age**

How your child plays, learns, speaks and acts offers important information about your child’s development. Developmental milestones are things most children are capable of doing by a certain age. These are some of the developmental milestones for a 3 year old.

Fine Motor/Self-Help/Play Skills

* Demonstrates a hand preference
* Draws a circle
* Snips with scissors
* Puts together simple puzzles (3 or 4 pieces)
* Strings large beads
* Independently puts on shoes/socks
* Self-feeds with a spoon (some spilling)
* Screws and unscrews jar lids and turns door handle
* Plays and shares with another child

Gross Motor Skills

* Jumps forward 1 to 2 feet
* Walks up and down stairs without holding on handrail
* Balances on 1 leg
* Pedals tricycle short distances
* Climbs jungle gyms and ladders
* Catches a medium-size playground ball

Language/Communication

* Follows 3-step directions
* Uses 3-4 word sentences
* Understands who, what, where questions
* Names familiar things and people
* Knows own first name, age and gender
* Parents and others understand speech greater than 75% of the time