



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Have you ever wondered if your child's development is typical for their age? How do you know if they are on the right track? Although no two children develop at exactly the same rate, experts will agree that there are "normal" signs of development.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

By 3 years of age does your child:

- use 3-5 word sentences
- ask short questions "Who", "What", "Where", or "Why"
- use plurals ("dogs," "cars," "hats")
- name at least 10 familiar objects
- repeat simple rhymes
- name at least one colour correctly
- talk about feelings and mental states (e.g., remembering)
- know their first and last name
- understand "I," "you," "he," and "she"
- follow two-part requests, such as "put your pajamas in the hamper and your slippers in the closet."
- understand gender differences.
- speak well enough to be understood by most people outside of the family, most of the time
- tell simple stories

Watch for these signs in your child over a one month period. (Even children have "bad days.") Remember, if your child was born earlier than expected; be sure to deduct the number of months born early from his or her age. A 5-month-old born 2 months early would be expected to show the same skills as a 3-month-old who was full term.

If you have questions regarding your child's development, please do not hesitate to call Sandi Klatt, Coordinator of Early Learning and Care for South East Cornerstone School Division.