

Prepare for Kindergarten Ready in Stages

3-4 year old

Preschoolers have big imaginations. Have fun as you teach your preschooler new skills and positive attitudes.

By the end of 4 years, your child is able to:

- Say the sound of most letters with speech that is understandable.
- Understand 2,000 – 6,000 words. Speak 3-5 word phrases.
- Talk to others with feeling. Ask for what he wants. Tell stories.
- Use the words *of, to, in, on, at* and *under*
- Know the names and sounds of the letters in her name.
- Identify beginning sounds and same and different sounds.
- Eat without much help.
- Listen to others' stories and songs and join in conversations.
- Answer what and how questions in 3-to 4-words.
- Read his printed name and print the first letter of his name.
- Hop on one foot and walk heel-to-toe.
- Point to letters.
- Walk up and down steps without help.
- Sing learning songs. Recite 4 or 5 rhymes.
- Count to 20, and play counting games.
- Eat without help.
- Sort objects by color and shape. Count 1-7 objects.
- Trace a few letters, numbers and shapes.
- Match and name 10 shapes.
- Stack 8 or more blocks.
- Share and attend peer group activities, but still play alone.
- Follow a 2-step task.
- Help with simple tasks like washing his hands.
- Stay with a task for 3 minutes.
- Dress himself with little help. Undress himself without help.
- Learn empathy – how others feel – and avoid hurting others.

Read the Parent Help Line's *Live Love Grow and Learn* booklets for ideas to help your child grow and develop.



Find more tips to help your child
grow and learn at www.parenthelpline.org.

