

## Developmental Milestones compiled by BEC Faculty

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<b>Cognition</b>	Demonstrates use of everyday items.	Matches objects by color, shape and size.	Copies block designs with 3-4 blocks.	Sorts objects by shape and color.	Copies block design with 6 blocks.	Tells what is going to happen next.	Names the days of the week in order.	States preceding and following days of the week as well as numbers.
	Looks at a book and points to/names items upon request.		Understands concepts of more and less.	Draws a human face from memory.	Sorts groups of objects in more than one way (shape and then size).	Understands concepts of "tallest", "biggest", "same" and "different".	Arranges numbered tiles or cards in proper sequence.	Able to discount extraneous information in order to solve a problem.
	Matches like objects and objects to a pictures.		Understands gradation of sizes.	Understands concept of set number (1-5).	Retells story from picture book with reasonable accuracy.	Classifies objects.		Names most letters.
	Demonstrates an understanding of just one, one more, and all.			Sorts objects into categories, may not be able to label.				

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<b>Pre-Academic</b>	Imitates scribbling.	Holds a pencil in writing position.	Rote counts to 5.	Counts 5 objects showing 1:1 correspondence.	Rotes count to 10.	Counts 20 objects showing 1:1 correspondence.	Counts 30 objects showing 1:1 correspondence.	Math: Counts to 100, skip counts by 5s and 10s up to 100.
			Identifies the primary colors.	States full name, gender, age, names of parents.	Counts 10 objects showing 1:1 correspondence.	Matches letters (same form).	Math: Recognizes numbers 0-10 out of sequence.	Math: Recognizes numbers 0-30 out of sequence.
	Points to at least 6 body parts.	Points to and names: mouth, eyes, nose, feet, hair, tongue, head, ears, hands, legs, arms, fingers, stomach, back, teeth, toes, chin, thumbs, knees, neck, fingernails.	Recites the entire alphabet.	Identifies & states: chest, heels, ankles, jaw.		At minimum complete and create an AB pattern.	Points to and names: shoulders, elbows, hips, wrists, waist.	Math: Identifies shapes: circles, triangle, heart, square, rectangle, oval, rhombus, star.
				Writes at least the first letter of first name.	Math: Patterns using sounds shapes or representational pictures.			Math: Addition & subtraction up to qty of 10 using addition, addition, subtraction signs.
			Pictorally distinguishes between same and different.	States address & town.	States at least 5 of the following personal data items: first name, last name, age, gender, D.O.B., phone number, address, town.	Identifies and names upper and lower case letters.	Distinguishes between letters, words, & sentences.	
						Masters concept of directionality of print on page.	Identifies high frequency words in isolation & context.	
				Prints first name.	Distinguishes letters, words, and sentences.	Forms letters using correct pathway of movement (letter formation).		
					Correctly spells and capitalizes their first and last name.	Use semi-phonetic spelling (initial & ending consonants) to compose words.		
	Makes the animal sound for the corresponding animal.	Points to and names: circle, square, rectangle, triangle, rhombus	Composes (orally and/or in writing) text through words, letters, pictures, sentences.	Composes text with words and/or sentences.				

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<b>Communication</b>	<b>Receptive Language</b>		Identifies nouns, verbs, and object function in pictures from a broad range of categories.	Understands negation (i.e. "not crying", "no apples").  Follows 2-step unrelated directions accurately.	Identifies categories and sorts items by feature and function.	Understands all spatial concepts: in front/behind, between, above/below, top/bottom.	Understands many descriptors (i.e. heavy/light, loud/soft, long/short, first/last).	Identifies objects that do not belong in a category.	Follows 3-step directions & multi-step unrelated commands.
			Understands spatial concepts and descriptors: in/out on/off, under, hot/cold, wet/dry, big/little.	Understands gender pronouns: he/she, him/her.				Sequences 3-step events in pictures.	Follows 2-3 step directions involving 2 or more concepts.
			Mean Length Utterance = 3 words.	Mean Length Utterance = 4 words.	Describes common objects according to feature and function.	Mean Length of Utterance = 4 to 5 words.		Mean Length Utterance = 5 to 6 words.	Mean Length Utterance = 6 to 7 words.
		Uses personal pronouns: I, you, me, mine, yours.	Uses articles (a, the) and copulas (am, is, are).	Names objects when described.		Repeats complex sentences verbatim (5 or more words).	Demonstrates the ability to discriminate (hear) and say sounds (phonemes).	Able to hear and say individual sounds in spoken words.	
	<b>Expressive Language</b>		Asks and answers basic questions: What/Where/Who/Yes/No.	Uses past verb + ed and possessive "s".	Answers questions about hypothetical events (i.e. "What would happen if...")		Answers complex questions: When/Why.	Tells familiar stories without pictures.	States similarities and differences between objects.
						Answers questions about stories and events.	Uses irregular plurals (i.e. mice, feet) consistently.		Defines words.
			Uses present verb + ing, and plural "s".	Uses gender pronouns: he/she, his/hers.		Tells familiar stories without pictures.	Uses all pronouns (i.e. we/they, us/them) consistently.	Begins to understand rhyming sounds.	
			Articulates: p, b, m, h, w	Articulates: t, d, n, f			Articulates: k, g (velars)	Articulates: l, m, h, w, p, b, , n, k, d, f, t, g	Begins to identify and produce rhyming words.
	<b>Speech</b>				Uses final consonants most of the time.				

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<b>Social Emotional</b>	Brings toys to share with a caregiver.	Engages in parallel play	Shares toys.	Organizes pretend games.	Expresses pride in accomplishments.	Shows concern and sympathy for others.	Comforts friends in distress.	
	Has temper tantrums when frustrated.			Usually takes turns.	Expresses that he or she is sorry.			
	Shows independence.		Plays interactively with peers.	Spontaneously greets familiar person.				
	Plays well for brief periods of time in groups of 2-3 children.			Shows empathy for others.	Talks about own feelings.	Expresses anger with nonaggressive words rather than with physical actions.		
	Sometimes has difficulty sharing with other children.		Verbally communicates with children during play situations.	Separates from parents without crying.				Uses school appropriate pragmatic skills such as requesting, initiating, gaining attention, refusing, commenting, waiting, and turn-taking.
	insists on trying things without help (putting on coat, eating with utensils)			Begins to engage in cooperative play, agree on theme and assign roles.	Waits turn when playing in a group.			
	Enjoys simple make-believe play.			Plays dress up.				

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<b>Adaptive</b>	Sips liquid through a straw.	Uses fork and/or spoon to bring food to mouth.	Hangs clothing on hook.	PourS milk/juice with some assistance.		Walks in a line in hallway.	Works independently at an activity for 20 minutes.	
	Removes clothes without assistance.	Tells adult of toilet needs in time to get to toilet.	Takes responsibility for toileting.			Remains in designated area.		
<b>Physical Development Fine Motor</b>	Holds a crayon or pencil in a fist.	Copies drawing of circle.	Uses vertical, horizontal, and circular motions when drawing.	Copies drawing of intersecting lines.	Cuts circle with scissors.	Utilizes a tripod grasp on pencil.	Hand dominance is well established.	Writes first & last name using correct capitalization.
	Scribbles spontaneously.		Cuts on a line.		Draws a straight line to connect dots that are approximately 5" apart.	Copies a square.		Pastes and glues appropriately.
	Uses hand to hold paper while coloring or drawing.	Draws face from model.	Copies block designe with 3-4 blocks.	Holds crayon between first two fingers and thumb-not fist.	Copies own name.	Colors within the lines.	Completes a simple maze by drawing a line with a pencil from beginning to end.	Independently operates an open-ended zipper.
						Prints first name.		Independently ties shoes.
						Draws a stick figure.	Draws a person with 6 body parts.	Cuts out complex shapes following an outline.