

Speech & Language Milestones

AGE 3



LANGUAGE

Receptive Language

- Knows his/her last name, sex, and name of street.
- Sorts objects into groups based on attribute
- Understands prepositional phrases
- Understands Plurals, pronouns, and possessives (cat's toy).
- Understands Opposite concepts
- Identifies colors and basic shapes

Expressive Language

- Uses pronouns
- Combines 3-4 words into sentences
- Uses conjunctions
- Uses regular plural -S, present progressive -ING, past-tense ED, possessive -S
- Retells a story using simple sentences
- Inflects verb "to be" (i.e. am, are, was)
- Asks simple WH-questions

Pragmatic Language

- Takes turns in conversation
- Maintains Topic
- Conveys emotion in pretend play
- Uses language as a tool

SPEECH

- Early consonants should all be produced accurately (M, P, B, D, K, N, W, H, G, F)
- By 3 years speech is 75-100% intelligible

LITERACY & PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Early Reading

- Likes to listen to stories/book for longer periods of time
- Pretends to read words on the page

Phonological Awareness

- Begins to understand the concepts of syllables
- Begins to segment and blend syllables into words
- Begins to identify words that rhyme

