

Speech & Language Milestones

AGE 5 / KINDERGARTEN



LANGUAGE

Receptive Language

- Listens to short passage of age-appropriate literature & answers concrete & abstract WH-Questions
- Comprehends all question types in context
- Follows 3-step directions at home and school.
- Classifies objects by their form (color, use, composition).
- Knows quantitative concepts like more/less

Expressive Language

- Describes person, place, or thing using attributes
- Relates elaborate stories
- Uses at least 4-8 word sentences
- Uses grammatically correct sentences
- Demonstrates knowledge of rules for different forms of plurals, past-tense
- Uses appropriate vocabulary in narrative stories
- Sequences events in complete sentences

Pragmatic Language

- Good control of elements of conversation; announces topic shifts
- Uses direct requests with justification
- Asks meaning of words
- Speaks of imaginary conditions ("what if.." "I hope..")

SPEECH

- All phonemes should be produced accurately in conversation with the possible exception of 'r'
- Speech is understood by all communication partners

LITERACY & PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Reading and Narrative Skills

- Understands story sequence
- Retells more complex stories

Writing

- Identifies and writes lower and upper case letters

Phonological Awareness

- Isolate sounds at the beginning, middle, and end of words
- Begins manipulating sounds to blend them together
- Ability to delete sounds from words is emerging
- Sound to letter matching is emerging

