



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Harris Preschool Academy

Developmental Milestones – 3 years old

Social/Emotional Development
Participates in group activities
Uses words to express feelings
Uses words as tools of thought
Answers questions (who, what, where)
Plays make-believe games with peers
Acts out social encounters through dramatic play
Feeds self without difficulty
Shows cooperation with adults
Takes turns in games
Shares and cooperate
Makes connections w/peers (friendship)
Says "please" & "thank you" when appropriate
Recognizes and responds to feelings of peers
Skill Development
Has attention span of 5 minutes
Speaks in longer sentences (5+ words)
Tells simple stories (beginning, middle, end)
Asks "what" and "why" questions
Fine Motor Skills
Draws a person with at least 3 chief body parts
Cuts paper correctly holding scissors (may not be straight)
Buttons and unbutton his/her clothes
Builds with more than 6 objects
Completes simple visual spacialization puzzles
Copies at least 2 simple geometric shapes
Strings beads on a shoelace

Gross Motor Skills
Runs well and can change directions
Kicks a rolling ball w/successful contact (3-5)
Stands on one foot (may be briefly)
Throws a big ball and catches it
Jumps up and down
Walks up stairs with alternating feet
Walks smoothly forward, backward, sideways
Kneels and squats to adjust height appropriately
Language Arts Development
Names a person in a personal drawing
Uses the pronouns I, you, & me correctly
Uses some plurals & past tenses
Traces letters
Identifies chief body parts (6-8)
"Writes" with lines and curves
Recites simple nursery rhymes (2 or 3)
Recognizes own name
Identifies some uppercase letters (13-out of order)
Addresses people by name (teachers, peers)
Draws a vertical, horizontal, diagonal and curve
Personal Information
Washes & dries hands independently
Knows full name
Knows age
Knows sex
Knows month of birthday

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Concepts About Print	Teacher Comments
Holds a book correctly	
Locates the front of a book	
Points to the words	
Points to the picture	
Points to the characters (can be called people)	
Orally communicates the setting (where the people are)	
Picks a favorite book	
Tells what's happening on 1 page	
Mathematics Development	
Sorts objects by 2 classifications	
Knows at least 3 directional words (on, under)	
Rote counts to 10	
Recognizes 6 colors	
Counts up to 5 objects 1x1	
Mimics basic body patterns (clap, pat, clap, pat)	
Participates in daily calendar routine	
Identifies at least 2 basic shapes	
Names big and little when comparing 2 objects	
Complete simple puzzles (up to 10 pieces)	
Answer simple questions from a yes/no graph	
Visual Arts Development	
Explore with a variety of media	
Create original pictures	
Mimic pictures of others	
Use various types of lines: curvy, straight, diagonal	
Use various colors when creating art	

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