

5 Years

Motion

Builds a tower of 10 or more blocks
Draws a simple house
Prints a few capital letters
Copies a circle
Copies a square
Rides a tricycle well
Climbs some trees and ladder
Turns somersaults
Pumps self on swing
Skips
Cuts with scissors in a straight line
Follows 3 commands

Thinking/Speech

Explains what objects are used for, such as a knife is used to cut things
Speech is easily understood by adults
Counts to and understands meaning of 4
Understands ideas of “Yesterday” “Today” and “Tomorrow”

Social/Play/Self Help

Able to go on simple errands outside the home, such as taking something to a neighbor’s house
“Shows off” once in a while
Likes to play with other children most of the time
Likes to play some competitive games, such as simple board games like CandyLand
Can button up clothing well

Affect

Serious businesslike, realistic, literal
Well equilibrated, poised, but may be resistant
Cooperative
Likes and invites supervision
Friendly, sympathetic, affectionate, helpful
Strong feeling for family
Proud of self
General curiosity and eagerness for information
Will talk to anyone, some talk “constantly”
Excited in anticipation of future
Knows own mind and sticks to it

Assertion/Anger

Not characteristically aggressive
May stamp feet, slam door, an occasional tantrum
Verbal aggressiveness, “I’ll kill you”