

6 Years

Affect

Highly emotional

Marked disequilibrium between child and others

Expansive and undifferentiated

Good or bad, sweet or horrid, adoring or cruel

Knows everything, boasts, brags

Likes praise and approval, resents correction and is easily hurt by a cross word

Loves or hates parent

Rapidly explosive with crying, strikes out physically or rebellious, rude, stubborn

Noisy, boisterous, and easily excitable

Silly, giggling, grimacing, showing off

Resents direction but is also over-conforming

Uses language aggressively

Assertion/Anger

Extremely aggressive, both physically and verbally

Tantrums

If sent to room, may not stay there unless door is locked, then may destroy furniture

Says himself, that he is "mad"

Calls names

Verbal threats

Contradicts, argues, resists

Hits and kicks with adults or playmates

May exhibit considerable cruelty toward animals, insects, children

Destructive with objects

Fears/Worries

Marked increase in fears, especially auditory and spatial

Fear of supernatural; ghosts and witches, large wild animals, woods, and tiny insects

Elements; thunder, rain, wind, fire

Fear that parent may die

Fear of someone being under the bed, injury to self; splinters, little cuts, blood

Afraid of being late to school

Expressive Language

Increased complexity in sentence structure

Relates familiar story

Articulation

v, th, j, s, z, s blends