Your child’s early development is a journey. Here are some key signs along the road to being Ready By 5!

**2-3 YEARS**
- Copies adults and friends
- Carries on a conversation
- Climbs well
- Follows simple directions
- Plays make-believe
- Shows affection for friends

**3-5 YEARS**
- Plays with other children
- Tells stories
- Hops and stands on one foot
- Speaks clearly
- Says name, age, and gender
- Draws a person with a few body parts
- Counts 10 or more things
- Does puzzles with 3-4 pieces
- Knows what’s real and what’s make-believe
- Understands “same” and “different”
- Sorts objects by size, shape, color

For more information, please visit [Norfolk.gov/ReadyBy5](http://Norfolk.gov/ReadyBy5)

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Supporting your Child

2-3 Years

**Read** books together

Encourage **Creativity** and **pretend play**

**Play** follow the leader

Help her **explore things** on walks or rides

Help him tell you his **name** and **age**

Teach her **simple songs** like **Itsy Bitsy Spider**

**Praise** and give **attention** for good behavior

Supporting your Child

3-5 Years

Continue to **read**! Take her to the library or bookstore

Give him **simple chores**

Encourage her to **share** and **have friends**

Be **clear** and **consistent** with discipline

**Speak** to him in complete sentences and "grown-up" words

**Teach** her how to handle disappointment

Parenting is hard work!

Take care of yourself.

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