



Basic Characteristics of Preschoolers

The work of preschoolers (3-5 year olds) is developing *Initiative*.

- Integrate all the growth of earlier years
- Initiate a lot of conversations, inventions, explorations
- Ask “why” a lot
- Are aware of a wide range of feelings, and ways to express them
- Enjoy dramatic and make believe play
- Love to play with words and language – “A cactus is like a fork with thorns on it”
- Are curious and inventive
- Repeat new skills until they are mastered
- Learn through active play
- Are masters of running, jumping and climbing
- Are developing increasing control over small and large motor skills
- Achieve the height of wild, imaginative fantasy play
- Can be bossy and critical (4-5’s)