

Developmental Milestones: Cognitive/Emergent Literacy Skills

Child listens to simple stories and songs

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Listening, concentration, and focus
- Receptive language
- Attention span
- Auditory awareness

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Child pretends to read

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Language & communication
- Vocabulary building
- Print awareness
- Choosing books independently; imitates reading behaviors
- Interacts & responds to a variety of books

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Child repeats parts of songs, rhymes, & fingerplays

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Auditory memory
- Expressive language
- Self-confidence
- Fine motor dexterity
- Singing; melody
- Pre-reading skills

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Child describes characters and events in the stories

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Auditory memory/recall
- Receptive & expressive language
- Thinking, reasoning, & problem-solving
- Comprehension
- Self-confidence

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Child is beginning to recognize first letter in their name

These observations involve the following developmental areas:

- Self-awareness
- Self-confidence
- Thinking; reasoning
- Memory
- Visual discrimination
- Print awareness

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Child recognizes environmental print or images in their surroundings

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Self-confidence
- Visual discrimination
- Memory
- Observation skills
- Print awareness
- Thinking; reasoning

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Child relates stories/books to real events

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Memory; comprehension
- Thinking, reasoning, & problem-solving
- Language & communication
- Visual and auditory discrimination
- Self-confidence

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Child begins to dramatize adult-authored stories

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Vocabulary; comprehension
- Creativity; imagination
- Expressive language
- Dramatization
- Interpersonal communication
- Self-confidence

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Child is beginning to verbalize own stories

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Vocabulary building
- Creativity & imagination
- Expressive language
- Beginning to understand relationship of spoken & written language
- Comprehension
- Verbal development
- Self-confidence

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Child shows an interest in print and books

These observations involve the following developmental skills:

- Early literacy awareness
- Discovering how books work (holding, page turning, parts of the book)
- Understanding visual representations (stories, concepts)
- Connection of elements of a story to own life
- Choosing favorite books
- Pre-reading skills
- Memorization