

A preschooler:

Emotionally

- Needs to know limits and expectations
- Should know when a job is well done
- Has a great need for security
- Needs structure with time for individual needs
- Is sensitive to the feelings of others
- Thrives in a warm and nurturing environment
- Appreciates warmth and encouragement
- Needs much success

Socially

- Likes to work and play with others
- Is learning to care for personal possessions
- Is beginning group interactions
- Needs to be encouraged to share
- Likes to receive praise
- May wish to be alone at times
- Enjoys pretending and humor
- May attempt to settle squabbles physically rather than with words
- Is beginning to share
- Likes to be part of a group

Cognitively

- Likes to be read to
- Learns by doing
- Needs encouragement to talk and communicate
- Is learning how to listen
- Enjoys participating in stories and drama
- Models language and actions of others
- Is curious and creative
- Benefits from concrete sensory experiences
- Likes to change tasks frequently

Physically

- Has a great need for activity
- Needs a balance of rest and activity
- Must develop large and small muscles
- Is improving eye-hand coordination
- Enjoys music and rhythm
- Is beginning to use simple tools
- Can remain with one task for only a limited time
- Should be given time for free play