

# Ages Three to Six

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## The Principals

During this developmental period there are advances in intellect, in awareness of the environment, in social rules, in conventions, in the laws of language and in fine motor control. Studies show that the 3-year-old who scribbles becomes a 4-year-old who draws stick figures.

Your child studies you and all the people he or she meets to learn verbal and non-verbal social cues.

Parental structure, trust, encouragement and sometimes disapproval are essential for the proper development of your child's feelings, impulse control, and judgment, as well as for encouragement of language, creativity and risk-taking. Parents must learn to be tolerant of their child's noisy, loud, deafening, ear-splitting, piercing, boisterous, sometimes over-the-top behavior as the child tries on different roles.

