

Building Skills in School

What will your child learn in preschool? The list is almost endless.



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Socially, she will begin learning to share not only toys, but also conversation, teachers' laps, and snacks. She will learn to resolve conflicts with other children; how and when to stand up for herself; and when to yield to another.

Emotionally, his self-esteem will grow as he is encouraged to do things for himself, from making **decisions** to setting his place for lunch.

Physically, she'll sharpen fine-motor skills such as cutting, pasting, stapling, taping, and painting on a daily basis. She'll practice gross-motor skills such as running and throwing outdoors.

Intellectually, the skills he'll learn are amazing. Opportunities to develop **math and science** skills such as matching, sorting, measuring, observing, and hypothesizing will abound. His **imagination** will grow through make-believe (dramatic) play. **Language** skills will grow through conversations with friends and teachers. Early **reading and writing** skills will develop as he looks at books, paints at the easel, writes letters to his friends, and has countless other experiences with print.



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