

speech and language **MILESTONES**

A developmental guide for parents of preschoolers

Remember, these are general guidelines. You know your child best. If you have concerns, it is always best to seek out an evaluation by a speech-language pathologist.

3 YEARS

- ✓ Vocabulary is around 200-1,000 words and growing
- ✓ Uses 3-4 word phrases and sentences regularly
- ✓ Follows 2-step directions without difficulty
- ✓ Asks simple who, what, and where questions often
- ✓ Their speech is understood by unfamiliar listeners ~75% of the time

4 YEARS

- ✓ Talks about events from their day and uses descriptive language
- ✓ Uses 4-6 word sentences and tells simple stories
- ✓ Follows 2- and 3-step directions without difficulty
- ✓ Answers who, what, where, and why questions
- ✓ Their speech is understood ~90% of the time

5 YEARS

- ✓ Vocabulary of several thousand words
- ✓ Uses 5-8+ word, more complex sentences
- ✓ Follows multi-step directions without difficulty
- ✓ Their speech is easily understood by others

