

# Child Development

## 5 to 6 Years Old

### BY THE AGE OF 6 YEARS, A CHILD SHOULD.....

#### **Fine Motor/Perceptual:**

- Print letters and numbers without a model
- Print own first name without a model
- Draw pictures of at least 3 different things
- Cut out pictures with scissors following a general shape
- Know right from left

#### **Gross Motor:**

- Skip
- Walk on a balance beam without stepping off

#### **Self-Help:**

- Tie shoes
- Spread and cut with a knife
- Dress self

#### **Social/Play Skills:**

- Play simple games following rules
- Share and wait his or her turn
- Engage in group play themes, assigning roles and making decisions (for example, "let's play house; you are the mommy and I am the daddy.")

*If you have concerns about your child's development in any of these areas, he/she may benefit from an Occupational Therapy evaluation.*