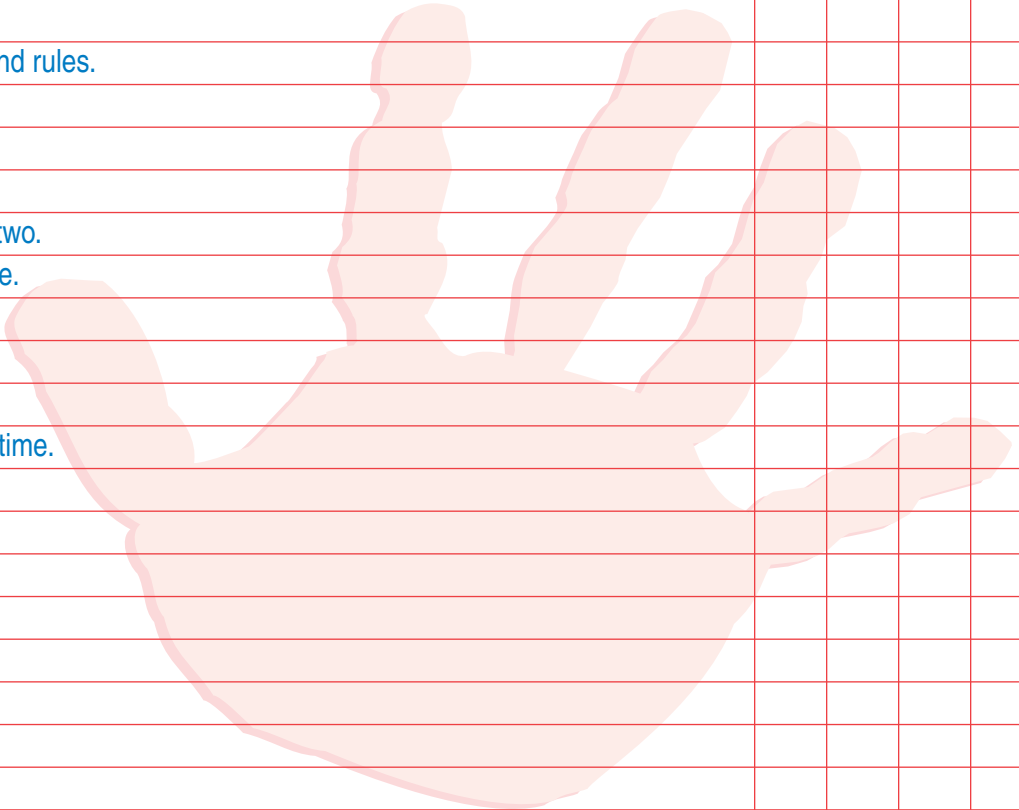




Watch Me Grow Series Developmental Checklist

Share My Discovery As I:

	Attempts	Practicing	Accomplished	Mastered
Exhibit problem solving skills.				
Remember people, events, and places				
Anticipate consequences.				
Ask for help.				
Understand simple books, games, and rules.				
Match objects that are alike.				
Make believe, play fantasy games.				
Use art material.				
Understand the concept of one and two.				
Enjoy other children, but do not share.				
Compete for toys.				
Show approval and pride.				
Attend to personal needs.				
May begin toilet learning during this time.				
Complete simple puzzles.				
Manipulate objects well.				
Stand on tip toes.				
Throw, bounce and kick a ball.				
Balance on one foot.				
Learn to pedal a tricycle.				
Listen attentively.				
Follow complex instructions.				
Speak in short sentences.				
Deliver simple messages.				
Use the words "No" and "Why?"				
Remember nursery rhymes and songs.				
Eat well by self, spill less.				
Draw.				



✓ Reality Check: Parenting Myths vs. Parenting

Myth: He/she is old enough to know how to share.

Reality: Most children don't learn to willfully share until the ages of five to seven years old. Before this age children are very egocentric. They believe that everything centers around them. It is almost impossible for them to perceive another's viewpoint.

Children at this developmental age regard their toys as an extension of themselves. It is painful for a child to give up their toy to another child. Children also view toys as a way of affirming their importance. The more toys they have the more important they feel.

Some parents expect their child to share before the child is developmentally ready. This unrealistic parental expectation creates stress and conflict between parent and child. Frustration stops when parents understand where their child is developmentally and encourage sharing in ways that are appropriate for their child's age and ability.

Some ways you can help your child overcome their reluctance to share include:

- (1) Modeling sharing when you play with your child. Play games that involve taking turns.
- (2) Buying toys like building blocks, community play sets and crayons that promote sharing.
- (3) Giving your child the opportunity to practice sharing. Always remember to thank your child when an effort to share has been made.

Remember to be patient. For some children learning to share is a slow and difficult process.

Activity Center

Balls
Books
Crayon, safety scissors, glue
Puzzles
Tricycle and riding toys
Dishes
Dolls/Trucks
Playdough
Rocking horse
Large blocks
Objects to sort
Manipulate toys
Take apart - snap together toys
Matching toys and games
Community toys (farm, airplanes, etc.)
Dress up clothes and hats

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