



## Milestones Matter

# Your Child's Communication: FIFTH GRADE

By the end of fifth grade, your child should be able to do the following tasks in each area:

### Listening

- Listen and make conclusions during different subjects like math, science and social studies
- Understand what's taught in class

### Speaking

- Make planned speeches; she should know her audience and include information for that group
- Deliver a speech; keep eye contact and use gestures and a loud voice
- Take part in class discussions
- Summarize main points
- Report about information from group activities

### Reading

- Read grade-level books smoothly and with few mistakes
- Learn meanings of new words by looking at word origins, synonyms and other meanings
- Decide what information is important when reading
- Read different types of text, like fiction, nonfiction and poetry
- Describe how a character and a plot develop
- Talk about poetry and what poems might mean
- Study an author's language and style
- Use reference materials to support opinions

### Writing

- Write for a variety of reasons
- Use many different words when writing
- Vary sentence structure
- Revise writing to make it clearer
- Edit final copies

### Here are some things you can do to help your child learn to listen, speak, read and write.

- Find interesting books, magazines and news stories for your child to read
- Encourage active listening, like forming opinions and making connections to daily life
- Discuss links between what is read and heard at school, at home and in other daily activities
- Help your child spot spelling patterns, including word beginnings and word endings
- Talk about new words that your child hears
- Get your child to write letters, journal entries, blogs and short stories for fun

This information was adapted with permission from information provided by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

[www.asha.org/public/speech/development/communicationdevelopment/](http://www.asha.org/public/speech/development/communicationdevelopment/)

If you have any concerns about your child's hearing or development, it is important to act early. It can make a big difference! You can talk to your child's pediatrician, schedule a clinical evaluation or call your child's school district.

You can also sign up for a free online or in-person speech, language, and hearing screening with a speech-language pathologist from Boys Town National Research Hospital by emailing [screenings@boystown.org](mailto:screenings@boystown.org) or calling 531-355-5605. For more information, visit [bit.ly/hearing-language-screening](http://bit.ly/hearing-language-screening).

## Clinical Evaluations

**AUDIOLOGY** – Boys Town National Research Hospital offers pediatric hearing evaluations. Please call 531-355-6520 to schedule an appointment.

Boys Town National Research Hospital - Downtown  
555 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68131

Boys Town National Research Hospital - West  
14040 Hospital Rd., Boys Town, NE 68010

Council Bluffs Clinic  
320 McKenzie Ave, Suite 202, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY** – Boys Town National Research Hospital offers speech-language evaluations and therapy for children with communication concerns. Please call 531-355-5087 to schedule an appointment.

Boys Town National Research Hospital - Downtown  
555 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68131

Boys Town National Research Hospital - West  
14015 Flanagan Blvd., Suite 101, Boys Town, NE 68010

Boys Town Pediatrics - Maple Street Clinic  
3838 N. 167th Ct., Omaha, NE 68116

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** – Boys Town Center for Behavioral Health offers services for children with behavioral or social-emotional concerns. Please call 531-355-3358 to schedule an appointment.

Boys Town Center for Behavioral Health  
13460 Walsh Dr., Boys Town, NE 68010

## Educational Evaluations

Your child may qualify for a free assessment through the school district in which you reside, some of which are listed below. For more information, you can also contact Nebraska ChildFind at 1-888-806-6287.

Ashland-Greenwood  
Public Schools  
402-944-7083

Bellevue Public Schools  
402-293-4000

Bennington Public Schools  
402-238-3044

Blair Community Schools  
402-426-2610

DC West Community Schools  
402-359-2583

Elkhorn Public Schools  
402-289-2579 ext. 11000

Fremont Public Schools  
402-727-3084

Gretna Public Schools  
402-332-3265

Millard Public Schools  
402-715-8302

Omaha Public Schools  
531-299-0242

Papillion-La Vista  
Community Schools  
402-514-3243

Ralston Public Schools  
402-331-4700

Westside Community Schools  
402-390-2100

Yutan Public Schools  
402-625-2141

