



## Milestones Matter

# Your Child's Communication: THIRD GRADE

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

### Listening

- Pay attention in groups
- Understand grade-level information

### Speaking

- Speak clearly and know when to talk with a soft or loud voice
- Ask and answer questions
- Be a part of conversations and group discussions
- Use words related to school subjects; for example, math, science or history words
- Stay on topic, use eye contact and take turns in conversation
- Summarize a story
- Explain what she learned in school

### Reading

- Understand phonics, or how sounds and words go together
- Use word analysis skills; knowing root words, prefixes and suffixes
- Use clues from a story to help understand what she reads
- Predict and explain what will happen next in stories
- Ask and answer questions about what he reads
- Use what she knows to learn about new topics
- Read grade-level books with few mistakes
- Reread and correct errors

### Writing

- Plan, organize, revise and edit
- Write stories, letters and short reports
- Use details in writing
- Spell simple words correctly
- Correct most spelling mistakes
- Use a dictionary or online resource when needed

### 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