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- Knows words that rhyme and joins rhyming games
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- Knows that letters have sounds
- Sings interest in sounds and words
- Holds a book and turns pages
- Knows words that rhyme and joins rhyming games
- Talks to kids and adults in full sentences

SMALL & LARGE MOTOR SKILLS
- Holds scissors correctly
- Cuts, straight and curved lines with some skill
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- Writes name with only the first letter capital
- Catches and throws a ball
- Hops on one foot and gallops

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