



5-6 Year Old Well Child Visit

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What will happen today:

- You and your doctor will talk about parenting, your home, your health and safety as well as your child, and keeping your child happy and healthy.
- Talk about what your child is doing in their development.
- Check your child's hearing and vision.
- Talk about your child's friendships.







Development

Things your child should be able to do:

- Movement—Hop, skip, and climb.
- Hand skills—Tie a knot, hold a pencil, draw a person with 6 body parts, write some letters and numbers, copy square and triangle
- Language—Tell a story and others are able to understand the child's speech, name more than 4 colors, count to 10, follow simple directions, listen.
- ◆ Social—Know if they are a boy or a girl.
- Emotional—Tell real from pretend.

Learning to Read

- Children who grow up with books seem to read early and do well in school.
- Read with your child at least 30 minutes of time each day.
- Reading at bedtime can help your child to wind down from the day.
- Read aloud with funny voices to allow for bonding time.
- Do not force your child to sound words out before they are ready; try to make it fun!
- When they read words, give lots of praise!











Staying Healthy for 5-6 Year Olds

Nutrition & Exercise



Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast everyday.



Limit candy, soda, and junk food.



Your child should exercise one hour each day.

Emotional Health



Assign your child chores to teach responsibility.



Show your child love and respect.



Teach them about discipline, not punishment. Do not use violence.



Teach your child about street safety. Look both ways and do not allow them to cross alone.



Use a helmet and pads when riding a bike, and use a booster seat in the car.



Teach your child about safety around other adults, and talk to them about their "privates."

School Success



Talk to your child about their activities at school each day.



Take part in school activities and parent -teacher meetings.



Ask your child about friendships and bullying.

At the next visit:

Your child will have a physical examination.

Your child may receive shots.

If you need to discuss a concern about your child, please call us at 215-427-5985.

