

EVERYDAY LEARNING



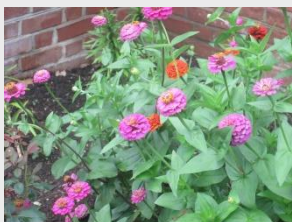
Milestone of the Month: Fine Motor Skills

Idea of the Month

April is a good month to start getting kids outside and into the garden.

They practice **fine motor skills** as they dig the dirt and plant seeds. They learn **patience** as they wait for plants to grow. They learn **responsibility** as they care for the plants. And they learn **confidence** as they produce beautiful flowers or yummy vegetables.

See our Pinterest board "G is for Garden" for ideas on how to garden with kids.



Story Time with Mr. Ryan

Tuesdays- 11 AM at Glasgow Community Center (new location)

Fridays- 11 AM at Fairfield United Methodist Church



Once they get to kindergarten, children are expected to hold and use a pencil, cut with scissors, and use a spoon and fork properly. These are examples of "fine motor" skills which develop from birth. Here are some skills to expect along the way.

6 months: Reaches up to touch dangling objects. Brings hands together in front of chest.

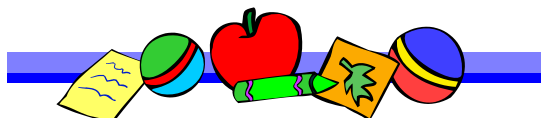
1 year: Grabs objects and puts them in mouth. Transfers objects from one hand to the other.

2 years: Turns pages 2 or 3 at a time. Scribbles. Holds and drinks from cup.

3 years: Turns single pages. Snips with scissors. Holds crayon with thumb and fingers (not fist).

4 years: Copies a circle on paper. Cuts paper with scissors.

5 years: Copies letters on paper. Cuts on a line continuously. Writes name.



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