

Is my Pre-Schooler Gifted?

Gifted pre-schoolers usually display some of these characteristics:

Achieving developmental milestones ahead of average

- advanced physical skills and hand coordination
- early and exceptional language patterns;
- early reading ability, which is often self-taught.

Advanced social and cognitive development:

- a well-developed sense of humour
- extreme curiosity and ask complex questions;
- unusual imagination
- single minded in exploring wide-ranging and special interests, often in great depth
- desire to create, invent, investigate and conceptualise -curious and inquisitive
- pleasure in intellectual activities
- spontaneity
- interest in collections
- enjoyment in creating and building new devices

However they may also display some of these:

- poor fine motor skills
- frustration when unable to physically do a task
- little need for sleep
- preference for playing with older children, difficulty relating to children of the same age
- sensitivity, feel things more deeply or intensely than others of the same age
- behaviours which may result in their being confused with children with ADHD or Asperger's Syndrome
- tendency to daydream, doodle, 'switch off' into their own world.

You may notice some or all of these characteristics along with other indicators of giftedness. However, this is not a comprehensive list of gifted characteristics and your child may not display all these features at the same time.