

Developmental Characteristics of Cloverbuds

At least two adults must be present at all times. Plan to have one facilitator per 5-6 Cloverbuds.

Youth in this age bracket experience rapid social, cognitive, and physical growth. Although individual children will differ, this table shows general characteristics of Cloverbuds at each age:

Age	Social	Cognitive	Physical
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May still engage in parallel play Wants to be accepted by peers Enjoys pretend play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning to match letters to sounds and words to ideas Beginning to match numbers to quantities Very short attention span 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning gross motor skills (e.g., jumping, balancing on one foot, using scissors, etc.) Learning to grasp a pencil
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very concerned that everything is “fair” Wants to be in charge Recognizes that other people may have different experiences, but doesn’t really think about points of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater mastery of letter-sound combinations, including long vowels Beginning number operations Beginning measurement skills Cognitive overload can lead to exhaustion or meltdowns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing becomes more legible Better bilateral movement Better hand-eye coordination
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizes that other people have different points of view Able to put themselves in someone else’s shoes More consciously conforming to societal norms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to read many books independently Able to sustain concentration Able to plan and organize projects Developing base-ten number sense Beginning simple multiplication, division, and fractional reasoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better control of fine motor skills May complain of growing pains



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