

Developmental Milestones for Fourth Grade Ages 9-10

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<https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Yardsticks-for-Elementary-School.pdf>

Common Developmental Traits by Age

(Adapted from *Yardsticks: Children in the Classroom Ages 4–14*, 3rd edition, by Chip Wood, CRS, 2007)

Age	Physical	Language/Cognitive	Social/Emotional
9	<p>Improved coordination</p> <p>Like to push physical limits; tire easily</p> <p>Restless; can't sit still for long</p> <p>Often report aches and pains</p>	<p>Work hard and pay attention but may jump quickly between interests</p> <p>Want factual explanations; enjoy scientific exploration</p> <p>Difficulty with abstractions such as large numbers</p> <p>Very verbal; love language and word play</p> <p>Industrious and curious</p> <p>Worry about global issues</p>	<p>Competitive; may form cliques</p> <p>Critical of self and others; need encouragement</p> <p>Like to work with a partner of their choice; can work in groups but with lots of arguing</p> <p>Seek answers to big questions</p> <p>Anxious</p>
10	<p>Signs of puberty begin for girls ahead of boys</p> <p>Muscles needed for big movements are developing quickly</p> <p>Need lots of outdoor play and physical challenges</p> <p>Enjoy precision tasks</p> <p>Benefit from snack and rest periods</p>	<p>Peer focused</p> <p>Descriptive</p> <p>Seek definitions</p> <p>Playful</p> <p>Gain identity through the group</p> <p>Enjoy categorizing and classifying</p> <p>Good at memorizing</p> <p>Like rules and logic</p> <p>Can concentrate on reading and thinking for long periods</p> <p>Enjoy choral reading, poetry, plays, singing</p>	<p>Contributing member of group; eager to reach out to others</p> <p>Quick to anger; quick to forgive</p> <p>Hardworking; take pride in schoolwork</p> <p>Open to learning mediation or problem-solving skills</p> <p>Listen well and enjoy talking and explaining</p> <p>Developing more mature sense of right and wrong</p>