

# Developmental Milestones for Third Grade Ages 8-9

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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
8	<p>Increased small and large motor coordination</p> <p>Energetic; play hard, work quickly, tire easily</p> <p>Able to focus on near and far</p> <p>May have growth spurt</p>	<p>Industrious, impatient, and full of ideas; often take on more than they can handle</p> <p>Enjoy exploration but can be nervous about the world</p> <p>Enjoy humor</p>	<p>Adjust well to change; bounce back from disappointments</p> <p>Like to talk and explain ideas</p> <p>Like to work in groups</p> <p>Prefer playing with same-gender peers</p> <p>Concerned with fairness/justice</p>
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>