
NICU FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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6-Year Parent Newsletter



Greetings!

What a milestone for your child to be six years old! We hope you feel a sense of accomplishment in reaching this point, pride in his/her development, and that he/she is making steady developmental progress. We continue to try to improve our care of these special children and these tracking forms are an important part of that effort.

Documenting how the children are doing helps us to better understand how to care for those babies who are currently in the NICU. Your help in this effort is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

- ❖ Reward and praise communication attempts. It is not necessary to correct your child's grammar or pronunciation.
- ❖ Set a good example for your child: model correct speech.
- ❖ Reading aloud to your child should continue into the school years. You may want to...



*** Behavior and Learning * Social Development * School Preparedness ***

Up to now, your child's feelings of belonging and acceptance have depended on experiences within the family. A child's view of how others react to them gradually shapes their sense of self.

Problems in social development can dominate a child's day-to-day life and interfere with their emotional well being and academic achievement.

Get involved, help your child develop good study habits and Succeed in school through positive role modeling and lots of encouragement.

Since expectations play an important role in achievement, it is important to have high-but realistic- expectations of your child's school performance and communicate them to the child.