

9-12 YEAR OLD SCHOOL SKILLS

Attention

9-12 year olds can focus longer:

- Read longer books together
- Follow fun recipes together (cookies, pizza)
- Act out scenes together like introducing yourself to a new friend

Problem Solving

9-12 year olds are starting to solve problems on their own:

- Play board games together
- Plan an outing together including the route and budgeting
- Make and build puzzles, scavenger hunts, and their own games

Reasoning

9-12 year olds are learning how to figure things out:

- Read a book or watch a show, stop, then guess what is going to happen, decide what they would do
- Finish then act out what they would have differently

Art

9-12 year olds may want to express themselves:

- Make wearable art like bracelets, drawn/dyed clothes
- Allow your child to explore safe self-expression with paints, pencils, pens
- Explore crafts like crochet, weaving, and needle point

Play

9-12 year olds bodies may begin to change and need more exercise:

- Play active games together (hide and seek, twister, capture the flag)
- Explore trails and playgrounds for running and climbing
- Follow dance videos together

