

## **Key Points of Development**

### **Transitioning from Lower to Upper Elementary**

#### **I. Intellectual Development**

##### **Language Arts**

- Read at grade level
- Write using complete sentences.
- Know the nine parts of speech
- Legible handwriting with appropriate pencil grip
- Correct letter and number formation, including upper and lower case letters

##### **Math**

- Knows place value and can correctly read numbers through the 1000s
- Mastered math facts for four operations
- Knows dynamic addition and subtraction
- Can measure in inches, feet, and yards
- Can count money (coins)
- Can tell time – digital and analog

##### **Science/History/Geography**

- Introduced to the scientific method
- Understands the earth and its place in the solar system
- Understands Living/Not Living
- Has been introduced to solids, liquids, and gases
- Has been introduced to the biomes of the earth; 7 continents, 4 oceans
- Has been introduced to the 50 states

#### **II. The Arts**

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#### **III. Social Development**

- Regularly uses please, thank, you and excuse me
- Uses salutations (hello and good-bye)
- Can articulate needs in a polite manner
- Can function in a group – can follow group directions. Leaves the environment ready for the next person
- Demonstrates good sportsmanship
- Can wait for a person to finish speaking before speaking
- Can control and filter impulses
- Can sit, focused, for a lesson for 20 minutes

#### IV. Physical Development

- Can run a half mile without stopping
- Can hop, skip, jump rope
- Can ride a bike
- Can catch and throw a ball
- Can swim
- Performs simple daily hygiene: hair combing, hand washing, brushing teeth
- Packs a lunch, understanding to use all food groups
- Makes a bed
- Tracks personal belongings

#### V. Health and Nutrition

- Define healthy and unhealthy foods
- Identify foods from several different other continents and countries
- Identify the basic some food groups of grains, oils, vegetables, fruits, dairy, meat protein
- Understand that food is fuel for the body
- Understand the importance of sleep in health
- Understand where some food comes from