

## **MASTERY OF FINE MOTOR SKILLS BY AGE**

### **5 YEARS**

- Imitates simple block designs (i.e.: steps, train, bridge)
- Copies an O, +, X
- Prints a few letters on paper
- Maintains scissor position with scissors pointing away from body and using helping hand to support and turn paper
- Cuts with scissors on curved line
- Cuts out a circle
- Laces cards alternately in one hole, out the other
- Hold pencil with tripod grasp
- Draws a person with at least 3 parts

### **5 ½ YEARS**

- Hand dominance established
- Draws a simple house with doors, windows, and a roof
- Prints numbers 1-5
- Copies triangle and square
- Imitates folding paper
- Buttons
- Draws a person with at least 6 parts

### **6-8 YEARS**

- Disassembles nut and bolts
- Ties shoelaces
- Clips papers together using paper clips
- Opens and closes a safety pin
- Snaps fingers