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3 YR WELL CHILD CHECK

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DIET

- -growth is slow, appetite fluctuates; offer small amounts of simple and nutritious snacks
- -minimize mealtime conflicts; dinner usually smaller than breakfast or lunch
- -enjoy family time together at meals
- -encourage tooth brushing; supervise until age 6yrs

DEVELOPMENT

- -knows the alphabet song and can count
- -motor coordination in improving
- -most can jump, kick a ball, pedal tricycle, put on some clothes, copy circle or triangle
- -pretend play and imagination very common
- -give brief answers to the endless questions
- -singing, listening to music, playing with sand and water activities
- -provide crayons and colors, puzzles
- -speech mostly understandable to most people

GUIDANCE

- -limit and monitor TV watching
- -NO TV IN THE KID'S ROOM
- -may not need naps anymore
- -not all kids toilet trained by this age
- -continue with consistent discipline techniques
- -sexual curiosity may arise, but questions come slowly; answer them briefly, clearly and simply
- -READ TO CHILD DAILY

SAFETY

- -helmet use with tricycles and bicycles
- -frequent lessons on street safety, animal safety, and water safety; may start swimming lessons if haven't already
- -car seat until at least age 4yr and 40#
- -teach child not to follow strangers and to tell an adult if someone touches them in their genital area