



Age Appropriate Responsibilities

2 and 3 year olds

- put pajamas under pillow
- put shoes away
- put dirty clothes in hamper
- help put toys away
- help select clothes to wear
- learn to dress themselves
- get newspaper
- put silverware away (great sorting activity)
- sort laundry by colors
- help carry dirty clothes to washer
- carry small grocery items into the house
- pick up pine cones when ready to mow
- wash hands before eating
- brush teeth with assistance

6, 7 and 8 year olds

- keep room clean
- have clothes, school items ready for school
- make sure homework papers etc. are signed
- put school paraphernalia away
- dry dishes and put away
- rake/sweep outside

12, 13 and 14 year olds

- wash, dry and fold clothes
- mow and edge yard
- clean kitchen after dinner
- babysit younger siblings
- wash car
- keep track of sports (extracurricular) uniforms, schedules, practice times
- clean room
- complete homework and necessary assignments
- help prepare simple dinner

4 and 5 year olds

- set the table: napkins, placemats, silverware

- help clear the table
- make bed
- put clothes in drawers after washed
- keep room straightened up
- put toys away
- carry recycling items to bin
- turn on/off outside lights
- dust
- help pick up leaves/grass in yard
- sweep with push broom
- feed/water pet
- empty small trash cans
- have clothes ready for the morning

9, 10 and 11 year olds

- put dishes in dishwasher or wash dishes
- vacuum
- put trash cans/recycling bins away
- complete homework with minimal parent involvement
- take care of school, home, sports paraphernalia
- take garbage out

High school years

- get themselves up in the morning on time
- balance commitments: home, school, church, sports, community
- financial: checking account, savings account (determine what financial responsibilities they will assume)
- driving: where they're going, with whom; keep curfew; assist with family carpools; pay partial car insurance, gas, fines
- prepare a meal