

Prescription for Active Play

| NAME: | | AGE: |
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| WHAT TO DO: | | |
| Walk | Catch | Balance |
| Run | Throw | Stretch |
| HOP | Kick | Twist |
| Jump | Strike | Toe-Touch |
| HOW OFTEN: | Every day | |
| HOW MUCH: | Take many active during the day. | play breaks |
| HOW HARD: | A Happy Heart | |
| GROWN-UPS: | Try this yourself. Make it fun. Play along. | |
| SIGNATURE: | | DATE: |

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A HAPPY HEART

Have child place a hand over the heart and ask, "What do you feel?"

Explain, "That is your heart beat! When the body is at rest it beats slow."

Do a short activity to increase the heart rate. Try jumping or running.

Explain, "Your heart beats faster when your body is working harder!"

"You have a Happy Heart!"

When a child is active they may breathe harder (but still able to talk). They may feel warm or even sweat. This is great! It shows a child is moderately to vigorously active.