

Age-Appropriate Contributions and Jobs

AGES 2 -3 (LIKELY WITH ASSISTANCE)

- Clean up toys and books
- Put dirty clothes in a basket
- Feed pet (scoop one cup into bowl)
- Dust baseboards
- Match clean socks and put folded clothes away in the correct drawers
- Organize/sort boxes of toys
- Use dustpan and brush

AGES 4 -5

- Set the table
- Clear the table
- Wash/rinse basic items in sink
- Make bed
- Vacuum
- Wash down table and countertops
- Dust furniture
- Tidy bedroom

- Water houseplants
- Clean/disinfect doorknobs

AGES 6 - 7

- Clean up outdoor space:
 - o Clean up after pets
 - o Rake leaves
 - o Take trash to curb/bring empty bins back
- Clean out family car: throw away trash, bring items inside (always to be done with supervision to ensure child doesn't get stuck in a hot car.)
- Wash produce

AGES 8 - 9

- Load dishwasher
- Do laundry
- Spray/clean patio
- Put groceries away
- Sweep porches
- Walk dog

AGES 10 - 11

- Mow Lawn

AGES 12 +

- Mop floors
- Wash/vacuum car
- Shop for groceries with a list
- Wash windows

PLEASE NOTE

- With each year, the craftsmanship of the job should improve.
- Teach how you want each contribution to be done.
- Set clear expectations for what a "good" job looks like. (and demonstrate the opposite)
- Use encouraging, positive language.