



Ages and Stages: Girl Scout Daisies

| At the Girl Scout Daisy level (kindergarten and first grade), girls . . . | This means . . . |
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| Have loads of energy and need to run, walk, and play outside. | <i>They'll enjoy going on nature walks and outdoor scavenger hunts.</i> |
| Are great builders and budding artists, though they are still developing their fine motor skills. | <i>Encouraging them to express themselves and their creativity by making things with their hands. Girls may need assistance holding scissors, cutting in a straight line, and so on.</i> |
| Love to move and dance. | <i>They might especially enjoy marching like a penguin, dancing like a dolphin, or acting out how they might care for animals in the jungle.</i> |
| Are concrete thinkers and focused on the here and now. | <i>Showing instead of telling, for example, about how animals are cared for. Plan visits to animal shelters, farms, or zoos; meet care providers; or make a creative bird feeder.</i> |
| Are only beginning to learn about basic number concepts, time, and money. | <i>You'll want to take opportunities to count out supplies together—and, perhaps, the legs on a caterpillar!</i> |
| Are just beginning to write and spell, and they don't always have the words for what they're thinking or feeling. | <i>That having girls draw a picture of something they are trying to communicate is easier and more meaningful for them.</i> |
| Know how to follow simple directions and respond well to recognition for doing so. | <i>Being specific and offering only one direction at a time. Acknowledge when girls have followed directions well to increase their motivation to listen and follow again.</i> |