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# WHY HOPSCOTCH MATTERS

The Brain-Building Game  
Your Child Needs

## Hopscotch Gets Their Brain Ready

### **Balance = Brain Connections**

- Every wobble strengthens neural pathways between brain hemispheres. These same pathways control reading, writing, and math skills.

### **Core Strength = Learning Success**

- Strong cores mean better sitting, better focus, better learning. Hopscotch builds this through fun.

### **Hand-Eye Precision = Academic Tools**

- Accurate marker throwing with the bean bag develops the muscle control needed for pencil grip and scissor skills.

## Hopscotch is a Working Memory Workout

- Remember the rules (waiting, turn taking, throw the bean bag, jump, hop, pick up the bean bag, turn around at the end)
- Track the marker (bean bag) location
- Plan the route (where to jump and hop)
- Follow the sequence

This mental juggling builds the foundation for following directions and academic success.



## Hopscotch Improves Impulse Control

- Wait for turns
- Control movements
- Resist stepping on lines
- Stay balanced under pressure

These skills directly predict school readiness and social success.



## Hopscotch Improves Social Skills and Character Building

There's no instant gratification in hopscotch.

Children learn to wait their turn, watch others play, and respect the process. When the game gets difficult (and it will), kids discover that challenging doesn't mean impossible, building the kind of stick-with-it attitude every parent dreams of seeing.



## Children Who Play Games like Hopscotch

- Follow directions better
- Handle frustration and emotions better
- Make and keep friends easier

The hopping and jumping movement actually connects both sides of the brain, the same connection needed for reading.

## Your 3-5 year old needs to learn

- ✓ How to move their body without tripping
- ✓ How to regulate their body and emotions
- ✓ How to keep trying when things are hard
- ✓ How to play with others
- ✓ How to remember and follow instructions

