

Age Appropriate Chores

2-4 year olds

- Get kids used to the idea that things need to get done around the house and (hopefully) show them how chores don't have to suck. Positive attitude!

kitchen dining

put napkins on table
put away clean silverware

their stuff

help put away toys
put laundry in hamper

pets

help feed & water pets
general
swiffer!

4-7 year olds

- "Help" is the important word at this age. Many of the chores will be done as a helper and slowly kids can graduate to doing them independently. Start using charts here.

kitchen dining

set table
clear table
load dishwasher
put clean dishes away
bring in groceries
help put away groceries

their stuff

put away toys/things
put laundry in hamper
put away clean clothes
help make bed

pets

feed pets
general
dust
wipe up messes
water plants
take out the trash

fold some clothes
retrieve mail

garden

water the garden
help with yard work (rake with child's rake or plant flowers, etc.)

8-10 year olds

Try to encourage self-motivation and get kids to do chores without a lot of nagging on your part.

kitchen dining

help make dinner regularly
make their own snacks and uncooked meals
clean microwave
wash dishes

their stuff

make bed, change sheets
clean room with direction
do their own laundry completely

pets

exercise pets

general

sweep
vacuum
wash the car
wipe down bathroom surfaces

garden

rake leaves
weed eater

11 year olds and older

They can do everything except drive and make cocktails.
meal planning
supervise younger children's chores
deep cleaning
divide chores among each other

