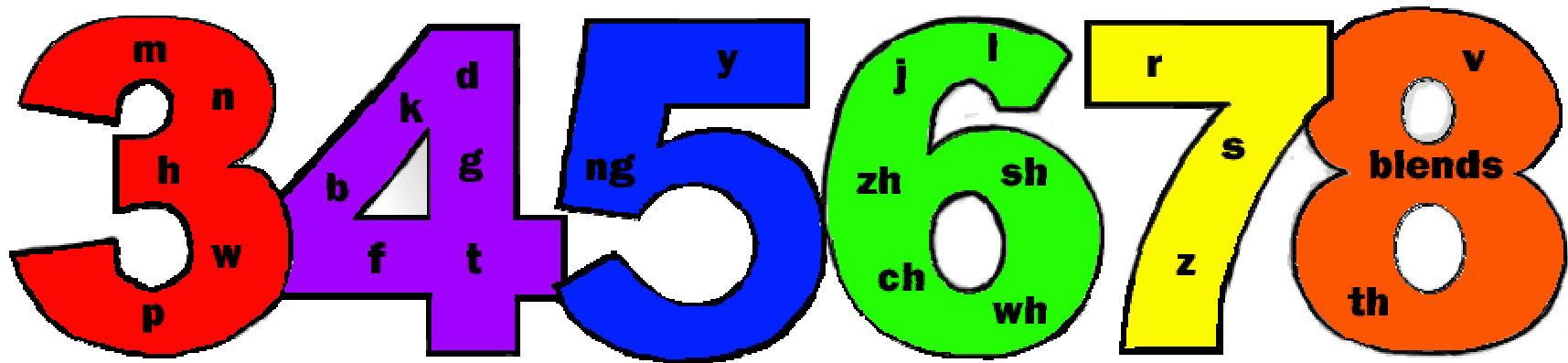


The Development of Speech Sounds in Children

Dear Parents and Teachers,

This chart shows at what age 90% of boys and girls can articulate the English consonants correctly (probably in all positions: initial, medial, and final). Vowels are correctly produced by the age of three. All children do not develop at the same time and in the same way, so we cannot expect correct speech from every child in the primary grades. If you have questions about this or other speech/language milestones contact your school's speech-language pathologist.



*The following sources were consulted for development of these norms: Poole, Sander, Hena, Fudala, Templin and Wellman.