



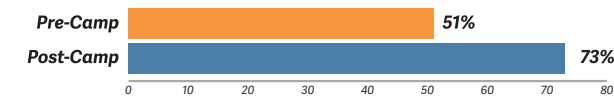
PROGRESS AHEAD

We measured success through EMBARK, a pre-school readiness tool used to predict Kindergarten Readiness.

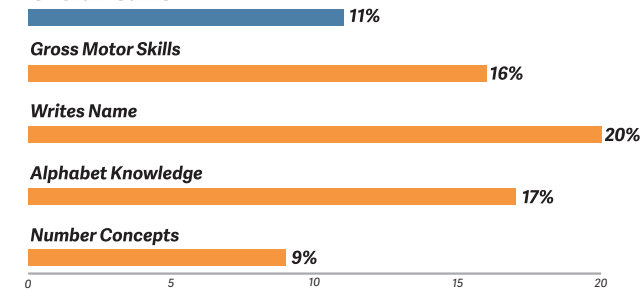
The percentage of students who were ready rose from 51 percent during the first week of the program to 73 percent on the last week.

Jefferson County Public Schools Kindergarten Camps – Summer 2015

Projected Kindergarten Readiness



Overall Gains



Source: IC EMBARK Screens



READY TO GO!

Philanthropic and community leaders are rallying behind a data-driven approach to improving kindergarten readiness at JCPS

Imagine the difference it would make for students if everyone arrived on Day One, leaning into the starting line, "ready to go."

But in Jefferson County, as in most of the nation, many students are already behind on their first day of Kindergarten. That's not just a "false start" for them, it's a false start for our community.

Early data collected right here in Louisville indicates that JCPS Kindergarten Readiness Camps can have a transformational impact, by helping make sure more children are ready for school.



BASIC FACTS ABOUT KINDERGARTEN READINESS CAMPS

- Data suggests a nearly **50 percent** improvement in Kindergarten Readiness.
- **Goal:** 1,200 kids served by proven program in the summer of 2016. (Up from 300 in 2015.)
- **Fun, age-appropriate activities** focused on Kindergarten skills such as recognizing colors and letters.
- **Student success** will be tracked and studied through 3rd grade to gauge long-term affect.



YOU CAN HELP!

This program will depend on private-sector funding from business, community and philanthropic leaders. You can be a part of this foundational program – one that ensures every child is ready to make the most of the opportunities that school provides. To learn more, please contact:

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We've seen the results, and children who participate in these camps enter school ready to accelerate their learning.

– Tess McNair



THE C. E. & S. FOUNDATION



Imagine what that is like for young people to show up eager and excited, only to realize 'I have to scramble to get to the starting line.' It's up to us to look out for our youngest citizens to make sure they have every chance to be on track.

– Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer



BUILDING ON SUCCESS

In the summer of 2015, The C. E. and S. Foundation, through the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation, funded a three-fold expansion (and improvement) of a small readiness program already in existence in the Jefferson County Public Schools.

After just one year, the data is so encouraging that leaders at C.E. and S. and JCPEF want to expand quickly, with a new goal of serving about 1200 students in 2016. This will require \$1 million in private funding.



The 300 students who attended Kindergarten Readiness Camp in 2015 went on to nearly 50 elementary schools, helping to improve the learning atmosphere for hundreds of additional students.

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

James Heckman, a Nobel Laureate and expert on the economics of human development at the University of Chicago, has found that investments in early childhood education are an effective way to promote economic growth. Of course, a four-week program for four- and five-year olds is not, alone, going to solve our readiness issues. This program is designed for students who have already attended preschool programs, but who are in danger of losing some of those vital skills in the last few weeks before starting kindergarten.

The cost of Kindergarten Readiness Camp is about \$900 per child – but it pays dividends in both the quality of individual lives and in the long term vitality of the economy.

“When you start kindergarten ready, and are on grade level by third grade, you are much more successful in middle school and high school, college and throughout your career,” said Tess McNair, executive director of The C.E. and S. Foundation. “That means we’re really talking about economic development, about having a well-educated workforce and a more vibrant community.”



For less than \$900 per student, Readiness Camps provide:

- Four weeks enrichment during summer break
- Five days per week
- 5.5 hours per day
- Free breakfast and lunch
- Transportation (at most locations)



THE GOALS ARE SIMPLE:

- Expand this promising opportunity to 1,200 children
- Collect data to document the impact as the students entered Kindergarten through 3rd grade. (Third grade is considered an important milestone – children that are behind in 3rd grade, tend to stay behind.)



What happens in the classroom:

The Kindergarten Readiness camps have adopted an engaging, locally-developed lesson plan which uses fun, engaging activities to teach the skills most needed to succeed in Kindergarten.

Whether singing counting songs as they line up for lunch, or talking about concepts like “character” in picture books, children are learning the skills they need.



We’re not wasting a second. From the moment the children get here at 9 a.m. until they leave at 2:30 p.m., they’re doing learning activities. Even when the children are walking to the cafeteria to get their lunch, they’re learning!

– Jimmy Wathen

