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CDS Charity Golf Outing Results



On May 20, 2016, 80 golfers from our community came out to support the CDS “Caring for Kids” charity golf outing held at Macatawa Legends. Because of the strong support from the community, CDS was able to net over \$17,000! All proceeds from the golf outing will go towards providing scholarships, tuition assistance and support for the programs provided by CDS.

Thank you to our generous sponsors for making this event possible:

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- A special thank-you to...
- **Hops at 84 East** for sponsoring CDS during the month of May for their Community Pizza fundraiser!
 - **Crown Motors** for donating a car for a hole-in-one prize!

We greatly appreciate your commitment to helping children and families.

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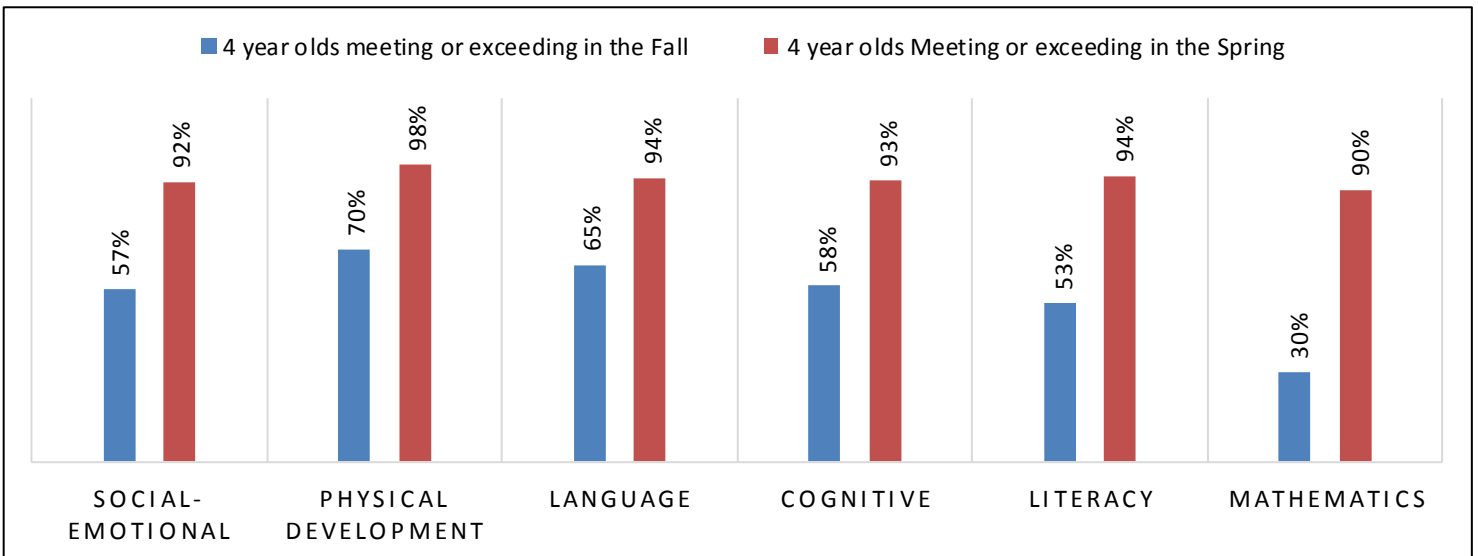
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Student Progress Update

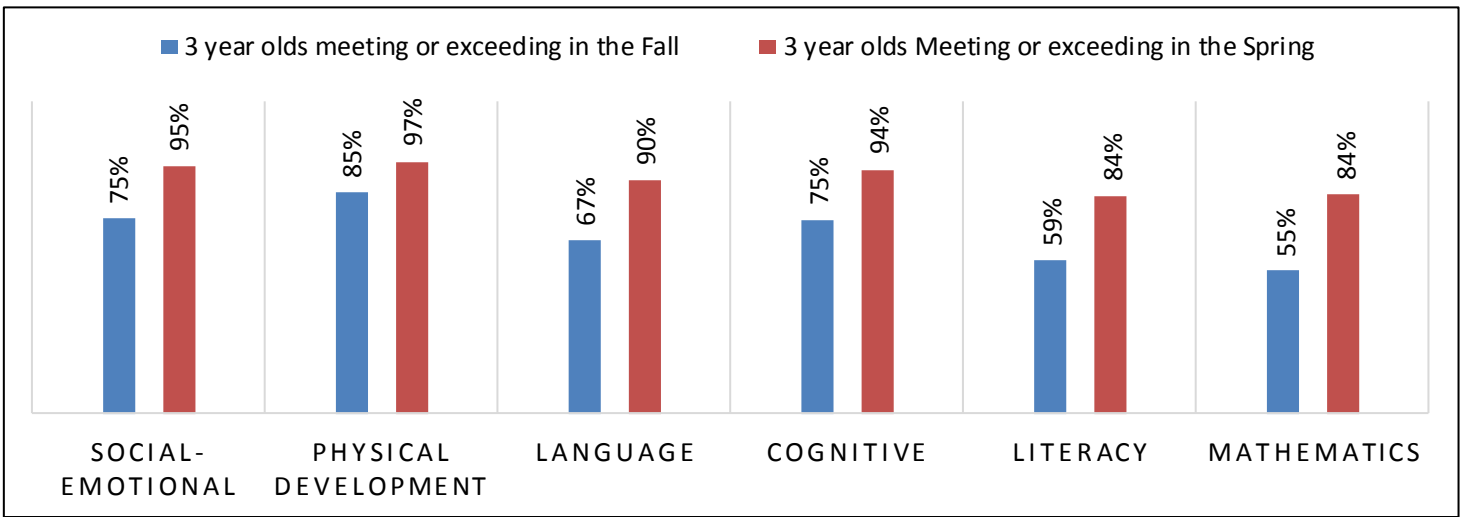
School readiness and student achievement is at the forefront of CDS Lakeshore Head Start. The teachers use Creative Curriculum to individualize lesson plans for each child. Children are assessed individually throughout the year and teachers use that information to scaffold their development plans. Part of the Head Start program is to work with not only the children in the program but the whole family unit. CDS Lakeshore Head Start is making huge gains every year and is impacting hundreds of families.

You may recall reading in the January 2016 edition of the Community Newsletter about the report on the first checkpoint of the year and how our students were doing. Below are graphs that depict the first and last checkpoint of the 2015-2016 program year, divided by age group and category of development. The percentages indicate the amount of children meeting or exceeding our School Readiness Goals. The data clearly shows that CDS Lakeshore Head Start is making a difference and is preparing children for Kindergarten.

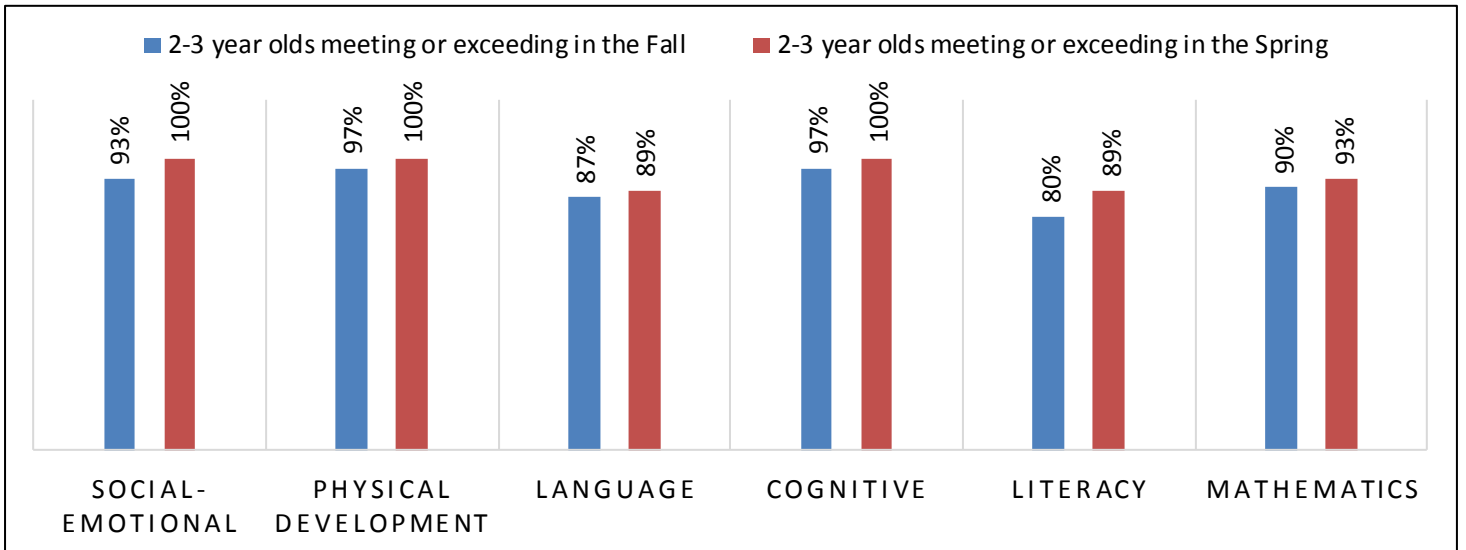
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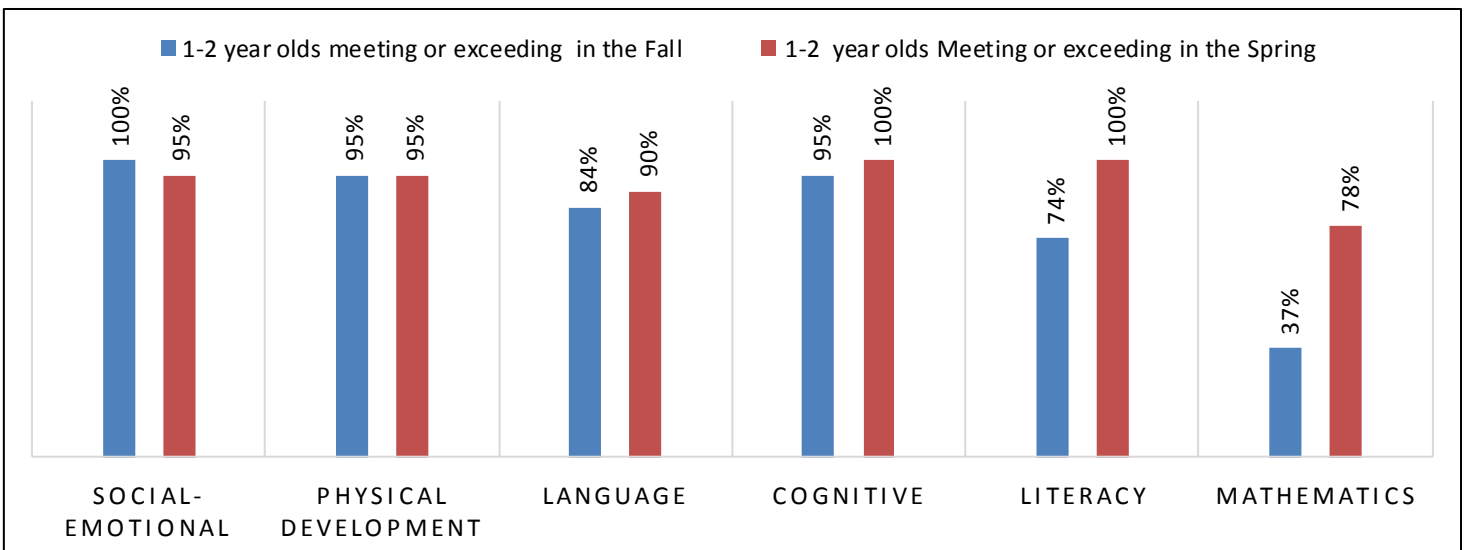
3 year olds



2-3 year olds



1-2 year olds



Parent Feedback

Below are comments from parents who had children enrolled in the Rose Park Head Start Center during the 2015-2016 program year. *(Note: names have been eliminated to uphold confidentiality.)*

The teachers have been a huge blessing for our family. My daughter is a handful and I know very hard to deal with at times, but the teachers overlooked it and treated her just like the other children. I am very grateful that my daughter had such awesome understanding teachers. I hope you all have an amazing summer off!



Head Start helped me and my family by getting my son ready for Kindergarten. Thank you so much.

Head Start has allowed my son to expand his imagination while learning and preparing for Kinder. His fine and gross motor skills have gotten so much better and he is now always eager to learn. Thank you so much. You ladies rock!

Cannot believe how my daughter has gone from not knowing letters/numbers to being able to recognize all letters/numbers, even upper/lower case. And knows their sounds! Amazing! Great program – unbelievable because:
a) academics, b) breakfast (I would just expect snack), c) bus with car seats. Wow! Thank you. When my daughter is in Kindergarten I plan to put her in Spanish immersion and having 2 years of Head Start makes me feel even better because I know she will have a very comfortable, firm foundation to enter Spanish with. Thank you!

Head Start has helped him so much for preparation for Kindergarten and advancing in spelling and reading words and his numbers.

[My child] can actually talk and be understood, started to actually be using the toilet, is more compassionate, learned to share better with others.

My son has learned to wait his turn. We have seen a great improvement in his language. He has learned the value of friendship. He is happy and comes home telling me what he has seen and learned. It has also helped a lot because he knows colors, shapes like circle and square, and he learned to count. Thank you for everything!

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