

Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers

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Family Newsletter

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Special Points of Interest

- ◆ CACC will be closed Nov. 24th and Nov. 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- ◆ CACC will be closed from Dec. 26th, 2011 till Jan. 2nd, 2012 for the holidays.

Pre School Site News submitted by Donna Austin

Thank you to all of our families who came to our End of the Year Bowling Party!! We enjoyed having all the siblings join in and bowl with us. ☺ The children enjoyed a Sonic Meal when we returned.

PLEASE join us for our 2nd annual "Eat Dinner with Your Family Day" September 26th, 2011. We will be serving a spaghetti dinner for your family from 5:30pm - 7:00pm at the Easton Fire House. Sign-up sheets will be posted.

Please help us welcome Ms. Becky in Room 3. ☺ We will miss our friend, Ms. Keieve, who has transferred to the School Age Site.

White Marsh Site News submitted by Cheryl Willis

WOW, what a fast summer!! We are looking forward to the 2011-2012 school year after being closed all summer. We have a lot of returning friends and new friends joining us this year. We have some great activities that are exciting and fun for our families and children.

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Cordova Site News submitted by Jennifer Vaughan

WOW, summer sure did fly by this year! The children were able to participate in some wonderful activities this summer. We had a great time touring the Easton Airport; we got to go bowling twice, as well as visit the School Age site twice. Our swimming lessons were in July and the children were able to attend all 8 days. The school age children participated in the 4H and their Junior Master Gardner program.

We had several presenters come to our site. The Environmental Concern came and presented two great programs. Clay Bakers came and the children were able to pick a project to paint. Tuckahoe State Park did a program called Wings-N-Things.

The children and their families raised money and donated supplies to the Talbot County Humane Society and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

School Age Site News submitted by Shola Olajide

Summer time was fun for all. We had swimming lessons for 2 weeks. A field trip was planned for every week. Some of the field trips included the Bowling Alley, Salisbury Zoo, McDonald's and Idlewild Park. We had resource people like Clay Bakers, 4H and Dental Health Educators visit the program. We also attended The Magic is Real and Milk Shake shows sponsored by the Talbot County Judy Center. The Wallidane Drummers were here from Washington D.C. to teach taught us how to use some musical instruments. Hands on activities included making jungle trees, boats, paper bag vines, dragon fly beaded necklaces and pompom ants. Chef in the making, Zachary Willis and his friends baked us some cakes to enjoy. Our in house hit activities were the inflatable play space, trivia, tie dye, puzzle and Lego competitions.

St. Michaels Site News submitted by Marlene Thomas

The children of the St. Michaels Site embraced the diversity of our site and went “Around the World” during the summer. Weekly stops included: Alaska, Canada, Hungary, Germany, Cuba, Africa and Japan. To wrap up a summer of fun, the whole center participated in a “Pot Luck” style multicultural lunch, with foods from Italy, Mexico, Cuba and Croatia. We all had a wonderful time exploring our world!

Planning is already in progress for 2011 Christmas in St. Michaels Parade!!

The CACC-St. Michaels Parent Advisory Committee will be holding their first meeting in September.

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From the Executive Director
Tara O’Barsky

Getting CACC Children Ready for School and Beyond

At Critchlow Adkins Children’s Centers, our early childhood teachers are dedicated to preparing children to enter school “ready to learn”, also known as school readiness. Our teachers provide daily opportunities for children to develop skills in 7 Domains of Learning: social/emotional development, language & literacy, scientific thinking, mathematical thinking, social studies, the arts and physical development. Their progress in these areas is assessed over the year. These assessments help our teachers plan so that individual needs can be met, and every child has the opportunity to grow and succeed.

Here are some quick facts about school readiness:

What is school readiness?

School readiness is a child’s ability to successfully carry out kindergarten work. For a child to be fully ready for school, he/she needs to have mastered certain abilities in a comprehensive set of development areas or Domains of Learning (listed above).

How is school readiness measured?

Here at CACC we use the Maryland Model for School Readiness (MMSR) Work Sampling System (WSS) to measure the readiness level of children in our preschool and full-day prekindergarten programs. These assessments are done in the fall and spring each year, and the results are shared with parents.

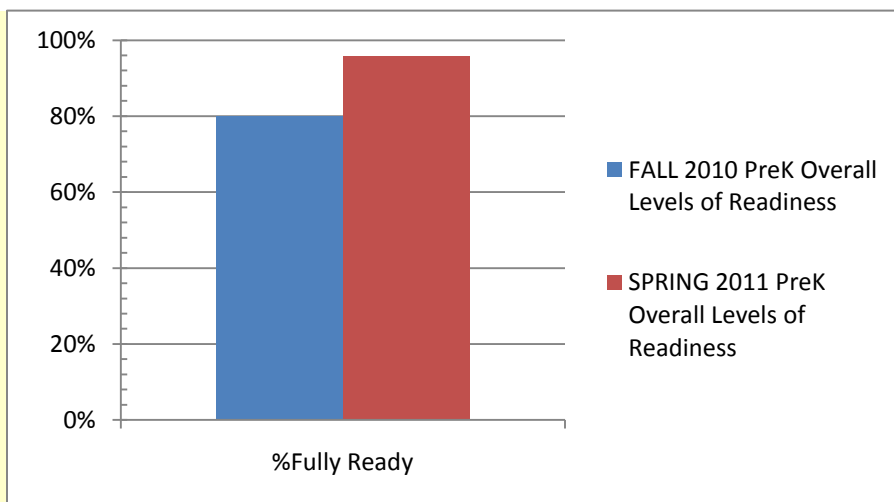
Students are identified as:

- **Fully Ready:** The student consistently demonstrates the skills, behaviors, and abilities needed to meet kindergarten expectations.
- **Approaching Readiness:** The student inconsistently demonstrates the skills, behaviors, and abilities needed to meet kindergarten expectations successfully, and requires targeted instructional support in specific areas.
- **Developing Readiness:** The student does not demonstrate the skills, behaviors, and abilities needed to meet kindergarten expectations successfully, and requires considerable instructional support in the seven areas.

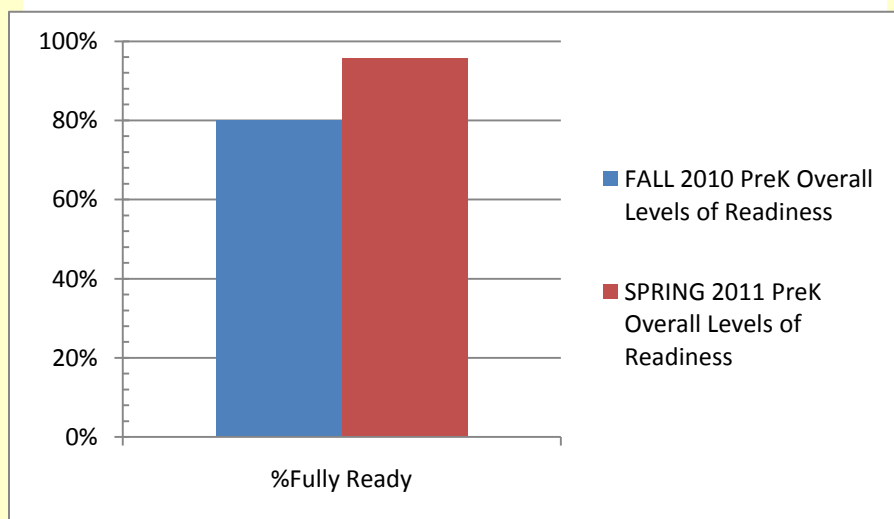
How are CACC children doing?

Below are school readiness results from the 2010-11 school year. As you can see, children in preschool and full-day pre-k at CACC showed significant increases in school readiness from fall 2010 to spring 2011. 97% of pre-kindergarten children at CACC now entering kindergarten this year were rated at **fully ready** by the spring 2011! We are very proud of the work being done by child care teachers and site directors to increase school readiness, but the real champions are the children! The excitement of watching these little ones learn, play and grow each year never fades. We continue to strive for excellence in providing children with the opportunities and experiences they need to be successful in school and beyond!

CACC Preschool Children Rated as Fully Ready To Meet Kindergarten Expectations



CACC Pre-K Children Rated as Fully Ready To Meet Kindergarten Expectations





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Holidays and Special Days....

September

- 5th - Read A Book Day
- 11th Grandparents Day
- 3rd Week - National Child Care Week
- Better Breakfast Month
- Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
- Library Card Sign-Up Month
- National School Success Month
- Read-A-New-Book Month

October

- 1st - Homemade Cookie Day
- 3rd - Child Health Day
- 10th Columbus Day
- 31st - Halloween
- 1st Week - Fire Prevention Week
- Computer Learning Month
- Family History Month

November

- 1st - National Family Literacy Day
- 13th - Mom's and Dad's Day
- 15th - America Recycles Day
- 17th - National Young Reader's Day
- 2nd Week - National Children's Book Week
- 3rd Week - American Education Week
- Child Safety and Protection Month
- Good Nutrition Month
- Latin American Month
- National Adoption Month

The mission of Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers is to provide quality, accessible childcare for children and their families in a nurturing, diverse, safe and enriching environment.