

# JACKSON COUNTY SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS

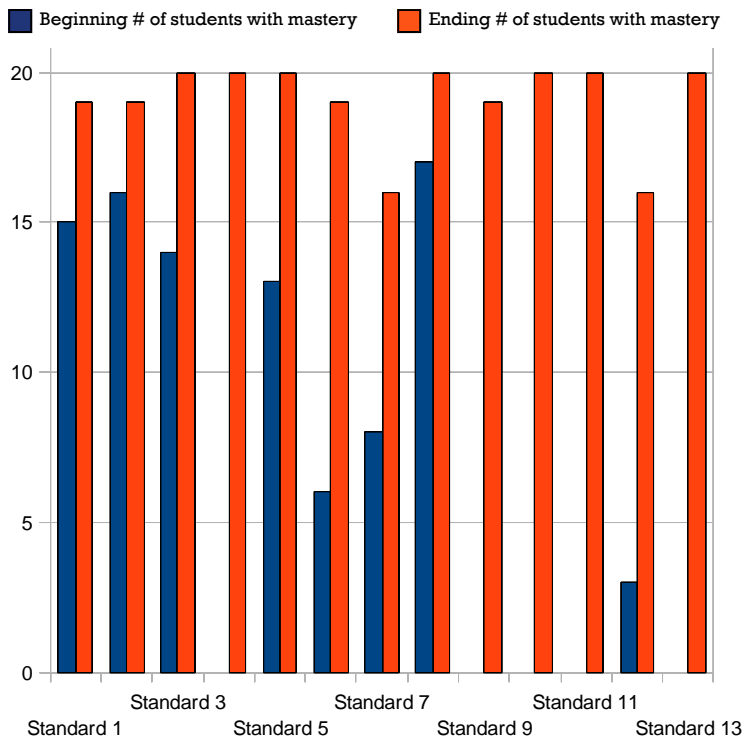
## Jump Start Kindergarten was held in Brownstown, Crothersville and Medora in July 2009.

Jackson County Successful Schools Initiative was made possible by the generous donations of individuals to the 2008 United Way Campaign. New donors giving at a club level and annual donors jumping up a club level had their donations matched by Lilly Endowment \$ for \$. The match dollars were used to implement Jump Start Kindergarten, a second family preschool, Early Learning Trails on school & park playgrounds and establish 13 Kindergarten Power standards which are listed below.

### TEACHER'S APPRECIATE PROGRAM

*"the students who attended Jump Start were more prepared for the start of school than those who did not attend. These students were already comfortable with the class routines and with separating from their parents. We felt that we did not have to spend nearly as much time working on the basics like names, singing the ABC's, shapes, colors, and holding pencils, crayons, and scissors correctly, etc. when regular classes began. If we have the opportunity to host a Jump Start program again next year, we would be thrilled".*

*"We used the 13 power standards as a pretest and post test. On the graph below, you will see the improvement from day one to day ten."*



### 13 Power Standards

1. Be kind to others & respect the person in charge.
2. Be able to hold & properly use a pencil, crayon & scissors.
3. Be able to say aloud first and last name & gender.
4. Be able to use the toilet & wash hands properly without help.
5. Be able to identify & say aloud the 8 basic colors (red, orange, blue, green, yellow, brown, black & purple.)
6. Be able to identify & say aloud the 8 basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, star, diamond & heart).
7. Be able to write first name correctly (capital first letter, then lower case letters).
8. Be able to count ten objects.
9. Be aware if directions are given & be willing to follow them.
10. Be familiar with simple routines such as: time to read, time for bed, time to eat, time to brush teeth, time to get ready for school, time for parent to leave, time for parent to return.
11. Be able to talk with an adult.
12. Be able to sing the ABC song and recite a simple nursery rhyme.
13. Be aware of basic school facts (school bus number, school begins in the morning, proper door to enter, school is over in the afternoon).