

## Read to Succeed Success Story



Howard started Fannie Battle Day Home for Children in August 2007 and entered our Metro Pre-Kindergarten/Read to Succeed Classroom. He had just recently been removed from foster care and returned to his father's home. Howard had difficulty sitting through very short lessons and spent a large portion of the day crying. With the help of a dedicated staff that are trained through Read to Succeed in excess of 30 hours annually, Howard began to grow both academically, socially, and emotionally.

On the fall Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test (PPVT) he scored an 83 and was below the benchmark on 7 out of 8 subtests in the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screen Assessment (PALS- PreK). During the year we saw an unhappy child who was struggling both academically and emotionally transform into a happy and hardworking student. In the spring of 2008, Howard scored 100 on the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test (PPVT) and was on grade level in all subtests of the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screen (PALS- PreK). He knew 22 uppercase and 21 lowercase letters and many of their corresponding sounds. What a marvelous success to be part of!! Howard entered his zoned Metro Kindergarten class on August 11, 2008 equipped with the pre-reading skills he needs to be successful in kindergarten. Howard is truly a success story for Read to Succeed and we are very proud of him!