

## ABOUT JUMPSTART

Jumpstart is a national early education organization that recruits and trains college students and community volunteers to work with preschool children in low-income neighborhoods. Through a proven curriculum, these children develop the language, literacy, and social skills they need to be ready for school, setting them on a path to close the achievement gap. Join us to work toward the day every child in America enters school prepared to succeed. [Learn more at www.jstart.org >>](http://www.jstart.org)

Dear Thomas,

***“High quality, early childhood programs are arguably the best investment our country can make.”***

-Arne Duncan, U.S. Department of Education Secretary

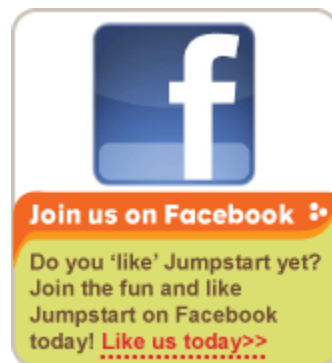
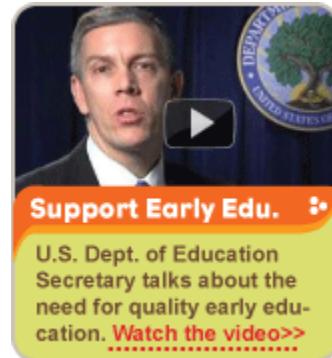
In a video this month in which he answered questions from concerned citizens, U.S. Department of Education Secretary, Arne Duncan emphasized the need for high-quality early education programs in low-income communities. In fact, Secretary Duncan says that investing in early education is a crucial way to level the playing field and prevent the achievement gap. [WATCH SECRETARY DUNCAN'S VIDEO>>](#)

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Thanks to **your** support of Jumpstart, you have already taken the first step in making that investment. Our proven program helps provide preschool children in low-income neighborhoods with caring adults to help nurture the vital language, literacy, and social skills that every child needs to succeed.

You can help even more children get a jumpstart on their future by taking action in your community. And you can start today by joining our online community. Do you ‘like’ Jumpstart on Facebook yet?

[LIKE US ON FACEBOOK TODAY AND POST YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW YOUR COMMUNITY IS INVESTING IN EARLY EDUCATION TO OUR WALL.](#)



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