

## **The Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School Earns National NAEYC Accreditation**

Over the last several years our CPNS staff has had the opportunity of working towards a National accreditation from NAEYC, the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. We have worked hard putting together classroom and program portfolios as well as enhancing our classroom environments to provide all children and their families with the most appropriate preschool program for each and every child.

In order to financially support this process we obtained a grant from Catholic Charities in the amount of \$1,500.00 which defrayed most of the associated expenses. They also provided support and guidance each step of the way.

We are so proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards. NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.

To earn NAEYC Accreditation we went through an extensive Self-Study process, measuring the program and its services against the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. We received NAEYC Accreditation after a site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that we meet each of the ten program standards. We not only met each one achieving 90% or more, in 5 categories we achieved 100+%.

In the 23 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. Approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs have achieved NAEYC Accreditation. Our NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that we are a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education, and we will help give all children the best foundation for their academic success that we possibly can.

The NAEYC Accreditation system has set professional standards for programs for young children since 1985. In September, 2006, the Association revised program standards and criteria to introduce a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children. The new standards today reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. NAEYC is committed to utilizing the newest studies and analysis on positive child outcomes to ensure young children continue receiving the highest-quality care and education possible.

Together we have achieved this prestigious accomplishment and wanted to thank you all for your support and help that made this possible.



