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Pigs and Bears and Foxes...Oh My!

New teaching tools available for preschools to teach about animals



The bears have officially ended their hibernation. Spring has sprung. The flowers are blooming, pollen has taken over most of the state and the urge to spring clean is at an all-time high. If you're like the rest of us, you want to freshen up. You want new "stuff." New ideas. New materials. New classroom curricula. New activities. New fun stuff for your kids. You are in luck. While the rest of the world has been hibernating, we've had our aprons on, brooms out and (figuratively) we've been cleaning and freshening the ["Providers & Teachers"](#) section of the Better Beginnings website. In fact, we just recently stocked the site with **over 32 brand new preschool teaching tools on animals.**

Chances are, you will find something in here that your kids will love. *Hattie and the Fox, The Little Red Hen, Ask Mr. Bear, Kissing Hand, If you Give a Pig a Pancake...*and so much more...all free for you to use in your child care facility.

When was the last time you visited [ARBetterBeginnings.com](#)? How about a little *Harry and the Dirty Dog*? We've got that. *Mr. Gumpy's Outing*? We have that too. Teaching your preschoolers about animals and pets has never been easier.

If you already covered animals this year, there are plenty of other preschool teaching tools on topics ranging from handling goodbyes and hellos and all about me. We have separate sections on families, communities, health & safety, physical and earth science, things that grow...brand new tools are being added every month. **Each activity helps develop language and literacy skills for your students.**

The good news is regardless of your quality rating, all the new teaching tools and materials that uploaded each month - dozens of pages of new activities and curriculum guides - are available to you at no cost on [ARBetterBeginnings.com](#) in the Providers & Teachers section. All the pigs and bears and foxes you could possibly teach about...free. Come visit today at [ARBetterBeginnings.com](#).



Source: Curriculum materials on the Better Beginnings website for providers are made available through Adventures in Learning, a comprehensive curriculum program with emphasis on the development of strong language and literacy skills, developed by the specialists at the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education.

Spanish Resource Library for Families



Better Beginnings has created a library of Spanish-language resources for Arkansas families. This educational library includes more than 20 individual resources with checklists for choosing childcare, developmental milestone trackers and everyday activities that promote early learning.

To download and view these resources, [click here](#).

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