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It's hard to believe it's time to distribute our Thanksgiving edition of the *Buzz*, which can only mean what they say is true, "Time flies when you're having fun."

From all of us at Better Beginnings, we wish you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are thankful for the providers, teachers and families who come together to make providing quality child care a reality.

Cooking up Math



Have a little one who likes to help in the grocery store or in the kitchen? Did you know it can be a time to teach your child math outside of practicing arithmetic? Our [Family Resource Library](#) has tools to get you on the right [path to math](#) with your child.

In the grocery store, you can [talk math](#) by telling your child how many of an item you need or how much something costs.

In the kitchen, don't worry about the mess, think of what your child is learning. When measuring ingredients, your little chef is learning fractions, addition, subtractions and weight. When you set the timer, your child is learning the concept of time and how to keep it.

With [3 paths to math](#) and our [10 ways to talk math](#), your child's mathematics skills and confidence will grow.

Toys with a Purpose

The closer we get to Thanksgiving, the closer we get to Black Friday, letters to Santa and unwrapping presents.

Don't let buying toys for your little one seem like a daunting task with these [6 tips for choosing the right toy](#).

A few things to remember before you head to

the toy store:

1. The less a toy does, the more your child's imagination can run wild
2. Simple toys are easier to use and require less supervision
3. Toys are not one size fits all, younger children need different toys than older children



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5 years ago we created a curriculum component of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) focusing on mathematical thinking. Last year, [Connecting Literature and Math](#) (CLAM) was revised to meet the Arkansas Child Development and Early Learning Standards.

From clocks and calendars to prices and questions with values, children experience math all day. For 3-5-year-olds, CLAM supports teachers and uses child-centered, hands-on and teacher-guided activities to provide children with math-focused experiences each day.

[Click here](#) to start connecting literature and math today.

To learn more about the curriculums offered for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, [click here](#).

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