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## A NOTE FROM BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAM MANAGER DAWN JEFFREY



### Parents and Families,

Now, more than ever, you are crucial to your child's education. No need to overthink it, though. We're here with you.

We know it can be stressful for your child to adjust to a new **learning-from-home** routine, especially as many of you adjust to new working-from-home routines!

One way to make the most of learning at home is by using resources with hands-on activities. Make learning fun! Take your **science** lesson

**outside**, talk **math** while cooking together or enhance **story time** with art.

At **Better Beginnings**, we are committed to providing the highest quality of early child care possible, and this is a great way to maintain that quality of learning at home. **Learning through play** is the best way for your child to learn!

Here's a literacy resource to get you started.

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**LEARNING AT HOME RESOURCE | LITERACY  
BRING BOOKS TO LIFE!**

# WHAT DO YOU SEE?

## Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

By Bill Martin, Jr.  
Illustration by Eric Carle



This classic children's book is ideal for having fun while teaching your child about color and animals.

The rhythmic text inspires a playful experience. Have fun!

**As you read:**

- Sing the words to a familiar tune like Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
- Pause to talk about the animals
- Make animal sounds before reading the animal's response to "what do you see?"

**What do YOU see?**

- Reread the book asking questions, such as: "What animal is that? What sound does this animal make? Where do you usually see this animal?"

Rereading the book, asking questions and playing helps your child's memory develop.

**Extend the learning and the fun**

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear** illustrator Eric Carle is famous for his hand-cut and layered paper collage book illustrations. Help your child make his own collage or potato print work of art. **These projects are recommended for children age three or older.**

**What your child learns:**

Creating something with your child helps him know how important he is to you. Plus, the more fun you have, the easier it is for your child to learn and remember!

In the activities that follow, there are opportunities for developing concepts of literacy, math and science.

Art helps children learn about order and quantities. It helps them develop fine motor skills and eye coordination, awareness of sizes, classifying and recognizing when things are the same or different.

See the next page to let the art begin! ➔

Get more fun book activities in [Bring Books to Life](#) from our Family Resource Library.



Visit our Family Resource Library for more tips to raise a reader in your home.

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# BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Bring books to life with this new literacy resource. Read this classic story together, and act out the animals as you go! You'll also find fun art activities to help you keep the story alive.

Find more here in our Family Resource Library!



## CARING FOR YOUR CHILD THROUGH COVID-19

Check out this resource from the [CDC](#) to learn how to talk germ prevention with your child and keep your family healthy!



## COPING WITH STRESS THROUGH COVID-19

Scroll to the parents' section of this [CDC](#) resource to learn how to help your child cope with the stress of COVID-19.

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