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## A NOTE FROM KELLI HILBURN

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Can you believe it's time to go back to school already? Summer always seems to fly by.

While it's very exciting and fun, going back to child care can disrupt established routines and that is hard on young children and their parents. Whether this is your child's first time going to child care or your child is returning, our [Tips for Saying Goodbye at Child Care](#) resource provides ways you can help your child navigate the routine disruption. It is available on our website and later in this newsletter.

You'll also find more resources and events as you keep reading. This month we're focused on [literacy](#) so take advantage of those resources to keep the learning going at home. We also included the [Kindergarten Readiness Indicator Checklist](#) to help you identify the skills and knowledge needed to build a lifelong learner.

I hope these resources help you and your child start this new school year off on the right foot. If you need assistance finding high-quality child care for your child, visit our [website](#) and look for the orange banner at the top of the page. The Better Beginnings team is here to support you. You can find more fun things to do at home on the Better Beginnings [website](#) to promote learning through play all year-round.

Until next time,

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JOIN US IN OUR GOAL THIS YEAR TO  
**REACH FOR THE STARS**  
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**WATCH NOW**

Regularly reading to your child is a great way to help build their vocabulary and establish a foundation for lifelong reading. Books like *Ten Twinkly Stars*, read in the video below by a few child care providers, also help children understand other education concepts – like math. Watch the video to see how.



**PLAY,  
LEARN,  
EXPLORE**

# LEARNING RESOURCES



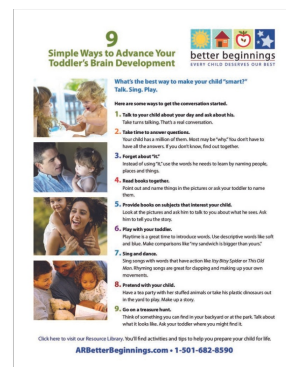
## What Do You See?

The book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?* and can be used as a great learning



## Tips for Boosting Baby's Language Development

Babies whose families speak to them develop



## Simple Ways to Advance Toddler's Brain Development

Toddlers are naturally curious about the world



opportunity to teach your child about colors and animals with this resource as your guide.

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the ability to speak at a faster rate. This resource provides strategies for helping your baby develop their language skills, including reading and singing to them.

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around them. Turn their curiosity into learning opportunities. With the help of this resource, you can take your toddler on adventures, answer their questions and encourage play to give them the best learning experiences.

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LEARNING IS FUN!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



**Saying Goodbye at Child Care**

It’s hard for children and families to say goodbye at child care drop off. This resource gives you tips to make that process easier on you and your child.

[View the Tips](#)



**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

Receive a free book each month in the mail from Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Use the link below to register.

[Sign Up](#)

**Kindergarten Readiness Indicator Checklist**

Wondering if your child is ready for kindergarten? The Kindergarten Readiness Indicator Checklist can help. This list includes basic social skills and basic educational knowledge that is best known before entering kindergarten in order to find lifelong success.

[Get the Checklist](#)



**Military Child Care**



Military families stationed in Arkansas are eligible for **Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood**, a fee-assistance program to help find and afford high-quality child care in the community when it isn't available on base.

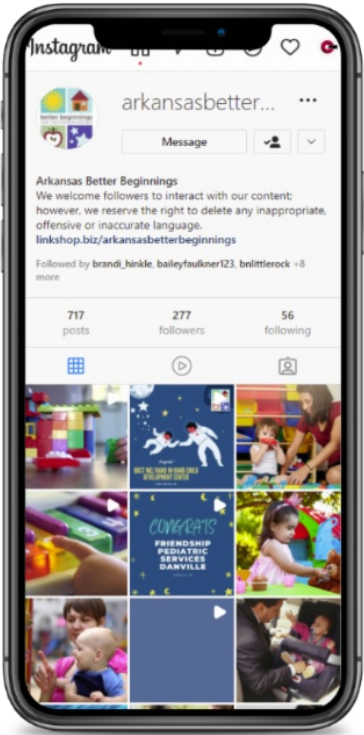
Watch this video to learn more about how to apply for this program. Know a family who would benefit from this program? Share it with them



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**Better Beginnings means better opportunities.** Investing in quality child care for all Arkansas children creates better opportunities for our children, families, workforce and communities.

Visit our Website



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Better Beginnings is Arkansas's tiered quality rating improvement system for child care, early education and school-age programs that have gone above and beyond the state minimum requirements. Better Beginnings is administered by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education.



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