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NEWS BULLETIN | [Happy Holidays](#)



Better Beginnings would like to wish you the happiest of holidays. We hope you're enjoying time with your family this holiday season.

In 2019, Better Beginnings will be bringing you more resources and activities to continue improving early childhood education for all of Arkansas's youngest learners. We resolve to continue to lead the charge for high quality child care programs throughout the state, and we appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

What are your child care program or early learning goals for 2019? Tweet us your resolutions [@ARChildCare](#). We'd love to read them. Here's to a happy new year with new and better beginnings.

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POLL | [We Want to Know...](#)

This month we want to know:

What is your favorite book for kids under 5 years old?

Submit your response [here](#).

FAMILIES | Winter Break Learning through Play



The Better Beginnings website is home to activities for providers and families to help young kids learn through play.

This month, we've produced a single-sheet guide with 13 suggestions for learning through play – enough to get you through the entire winter break.

The [Make & Do](#) winter break activities help ease your child into math skills, boost language skills and development and provide fun for the whole family!

You'll find 7 do-it-yourself activities, 3 fun how-to videos for science learning and 3 fun collections to help keep your little ones learning and reading throughout the holiday.

[3 Paths To Math](#)
[Playdough Power](#)
[States of Matter](#)

You can find more family activities in our [Family Resource Library](#).

THANK YOU | Better Beginnings Grows Quality Community

Better Beginnings is focused on making quality child care more accessible to families of young children across Arkansas. More access means more kids that are better prepared for kindergarten. In the last reporting period, Better Beginnings welcomed 4 providers to the community of quality providers. Last month:

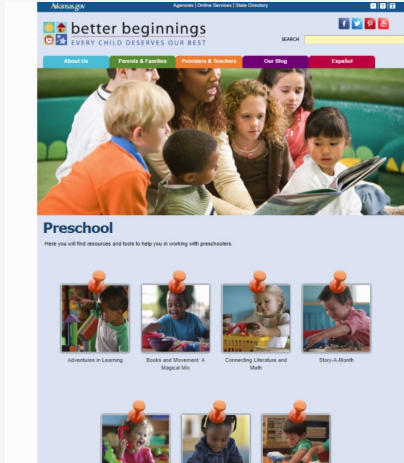
New 1-Star Providers:
CENTERTON – [Kidz in Motion Learning Center](#)
FARMINGTON – [Co's Kids](#)
MARVELL – [Marvelous Kids 2](#)
NASHVILLE – [Lollipop's and Gumdrop's](#)

New 3-Star Provider:
JONESBORO - [MCAEOC Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Center](#)

If you are a Better Beginnings provider and are interested in moving up in star

ranking, click [here](#).

PROVIDERS | Story-A-Month for Preschoolers



Are you a child care provider looking for ways to enhance your preschool classroom curriculum in the new year?

The Better Beginnings [Story-a-Month](#) resource is a collection of learning activities for your preschool classroom to participate in throughout the year. From mother goose rhymes to storytelling patterns, you will find 40+ activities to use in your classroom to enhance literacy skills.

Find the Better Beginnings Story - a - Month resource by visiting the PROVIDERS section of [ARBetterBeginnings.com](#). Click on Curriculum and Supplements and you'll find Story-a-Month on our [preschool resource page](#).

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