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FAMILIES | Play is for learning

Better Beginnings has new activities to help your child learn through play this month and throughout the year. Check out our latest addition to the <u>Family Resource Library</u>. <u>Find resources en Español here</u>.





Imagination at work Imagination allows a child to see what is not there and to create it. Watch him work.

<u>Set free her imagination</u> Imagination turns trash into treasure. It turns a bunch of funny shapes into words.

This month's featured resource...



Discover natural elements

There is a world of natural resources outdoors. Playing with those elements – from the woods, park or your own backyard – helps children develop a love of nature. When children appreciate the beauty of nature, they become caretakers of it.

Explore the outdoors together and bring a little home for art and play.

Try it out

DEVELOPMENT | One Milestone at a Time

Like the spots on a giraffe, or a fingerprint, all children are different. Since there isn't a one-size-fits-all guide to raising happy and eager learners, Better Beginnings has helpful resources for parents on childhood development that are easy to access on a smartphone, computer or other device.

Click below to find milestone resources and tip sheets divided by categories of development into Infant, Toddler and Preschool sections. Within each section are dozens of resources that address everything from sleep habits to snack habits. All resources are now available in Spanish.



Find a Tip Sheet!

THANK YOU | Better Beginnings Quality Community

Better Beginnings is focused on making quality child care more accessible to families of young children across Arkansas. More high quality access means that more kids are better prepared for kindergarten.

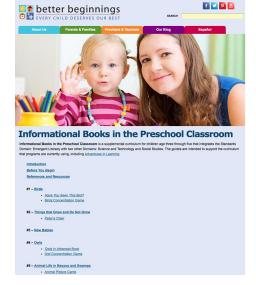
If you are a Better Beginnings provider and are interested in moving up in star ranking, click <u>here</u>.

PROVIDERS | Books in the Preschool Classroom

Informational Books in the Preschool Classroom is a supplemental curriculum for children age 3 through 5 that integrates the Standards Domain: Emergent Literacy with two other Domains: Science and Technology and Social Studies.

The guides are intended to support the

curriculum that programs are currently using.



Find activities

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