

## 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 additions to the [Family Resource Library](#).



### Problem Solving

Try and try again. Children learn by doing. Problem solving is one of several benefits of sorting. Find out more.



### Everyone Wins

When children play together, they all win, they all learn. Discover 5 math skills developed by sorting.

## This month's featured resource...



### Sorting Sacks Math Activity

Sorting shapes and colors helps children learn to organize by category. Organization is essential to developing math skills.

Fun sorting activities will help your child also learn about colors, numbers and shapes as you take turns sorting blocks or other household items into groups.

Adult participation in this activity will help children learn best through play. This resource is also available in Spanish [here](#).

Try it out

## NEWS | Choosing Quality Child Care

Choosing child care comes down to finding the type of quality care that best fits your family. There are many available options to choose from, and we can help you find the right place for your child's unique needs.

Take a look at what high quality child care looks like...



Learn how to choose child care

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## 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 high quality access means more kids that are better prepared for kindergarten. In the last reporting period, Better Beginnings welcomed 2 new providers to the community of quality providers:

**ELKINS** - Happy Feet Child Care Center

**SPRINGDALE** - The After School Program at Helen Tyson Middle School

The following providers were promoted to the 3-star level:

**DE WITT** - De Witt High Quality Preschool

**PINE BLUFF** - The Klassic Kidz

If you are a Better Beginnings provider and are interested in moving up in star ranking, click [here](#).

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## PROVIDERS | Connecting Literature and Math

**Connecting Literature and Math (CLAM)** is a comprehensive component of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum for preschoolers.

The curriculum was develop to support teachers in providing appropriate math experiences for children from ages 3 through 5.

The curriculum guide includes activities to help create a math environment in the classroom. Concepts highlighted in the guide include:

- Number Concepts and Operations
- Algebraic Thinking
- Measurement and Comparison
- Geometry and Spatial Sense

You can find ways to implement this into your classroom curriculum in our Curriculum and Supplements section.



[Find activities](#)

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