



Literacy



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There's nothing cozier than sitting under a blanket with a good book when the weather cools down – for both adults and children! Sharing a book with your child is a great way to create a strong bond with them. With each book, their vocabulary will increase, too. They'll have so much fun, they won't even notice they are learning.

Reading isn't the only literacy fun you can have as a family. Keep reading to see more literacy activities and information about [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#) which will build a solid foundation from which your child will be able to [reach for the stars](#). You'll also find [tips](#) for keeping children healthy through the winter season.

Books are a great way to slow down and enjoy the magic of the upcoming holiday season. I hope you take the time to do that.

Until next time,

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REACH FOR THE STARS
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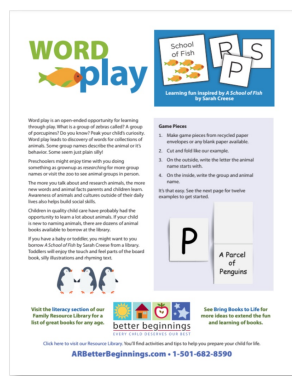


Create a home movie studio with a book as your script! Acting out a book with your child creates a bond between you and encourages them to use their imagination. Your child is sure to have more fun if they're in the director's chair. Watch this video to learn more.



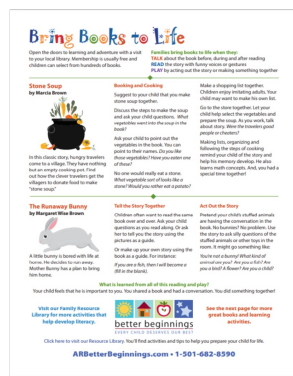
PLAY,
LEARN,
EXPLORE

LEARNING RESOURCES



Word Play

Unleash the magic of childhood wonder through the open-ended activities found in this resource. Joy and giggles are sure to occur as your child's curiosity and imagination soar to new heights.

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Bring Books to Life

Want your child to cherish reading as they grow? Give each character a zany voice as you read! Your child will giggle and you'll bond as a family, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

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Talk Math

Every day conversations are a gold mine of knowledge. The activities in this resource, from singing songs with numbers to counting items while grocery shopping, are sure to introduce math concepts and increase vocabulary.

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LEARNING
IS FUN!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Activities for a Wonderful Winter

Don't let cold weather stand in fun's way. Outdoor play keeps children healthy by exercising their bodies and minds. Find five fun activities for learning outdoors in this resource.

[Learn More](#)



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Children birth to five in all of Arkansas's 75 counties are eligible to receive a free book in the mail each month from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Every book is age-appropriate and encourages great times to bond as a family. Go to their website to sign up today!

[Learn More](#)



Parenting Young Children with Love, Encouragement, and Limits Tuesday, November 28

Need help discovering your own parenting style? This class is for you and it's over Zoom. You'll learn about the biology and culture of parenting so you can decide what works best for you and your family.

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