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**A NOTE FROM
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Cooler days are just right for going on adventures. The new colors on the leaves alone are enough to capture your child's attention and spark their curiosity about the natural world around them. Indulge their curiosity with a walk through the neighborhood or going to a nearby park. Encourage your child to safely immerse all their senses in nature so they will come to love it today and care for it tomorrow.

Nature can also foster discovery, so use the [science](#) resources included in this edition of *The Buzz* to further the fun and help your child [reach for the stars](#). As you read, you'll also find Halloween [safety tips](#) and an upcoming [event](#) that's fun for the whole family!

Before the busy holiday season gets here, I hope you take time to enjoy and be present with your little ones.

Until next time,

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**JOIN US IN OUR GOAL THIS YEAR TO
REACH FOR THE STARS**
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Explore the mystery of weather with your child and watch their eyes light up with every discovery. With this activity, you can show them how rain works and explain why it's needed. Watch the video below to see how it's done.



PLAY,
LEARN,
EXPLORE

LEARNING RESOURCES



Sticks & Stones Creativity

Turn your backyard into an exciting classroom. With this resource as your guide, you can teach your child about nature while they play with all it has to offer. Through these activities they can become nature's caretakers.

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Sensory Play

Want to spark curiosity and the fun of discovery in your infant or toddler? Bring them the magic of taste and touch with taste-safe materials. Find a list of suggested materials in this resource.

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Rainstorm in a Jar

Let curiosity run wild with this activity as you investigate together how rain works with this easy-to-do at home activity.

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LEARNING
IS FUN!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween will be here before you know it! Kelli Hilburn has some great safety tips to keep in mind as you begin planning for all the holiday festivities

[Watch Now](#)



Tips for Picky Eaters

Is your child a picky eater? Our Tips for the Picky Eater resource includes facts about a child's eating habits and tips for introducing new foods that will make meal time easier.

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Arkansas PBS Family Day 2023

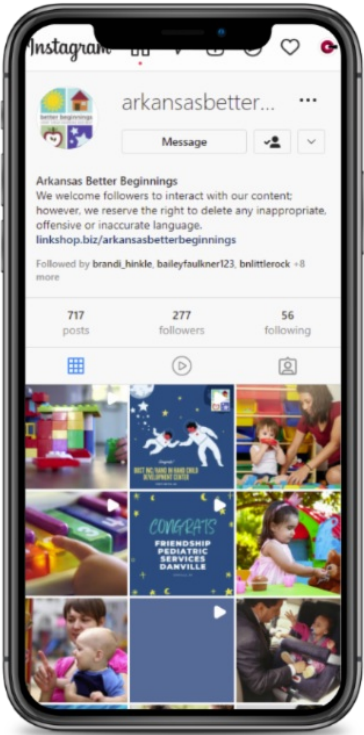
Families are invited to join Arkansas PBS and popular PBS characters at a FREE Family Day event. Under the theme “*I for Imagination*,” the event will feature fun, educational activities that are sure to nurture creativity and learning in children. Northwest Arkansas families will have the opportunity to participate in this event on Saturday, October 14 at The Jones Center in Springdale.

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