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EVERY CHILD DESERVES OUR BEST



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YOU are your child's first teacher. You do so much for them and with them that impacts their future. Being a parent is hard work and requires you to sometimes depend on others, especially your child care provider when you're at work.

Knowing your child is loved and cared for while you're at work is important. This

knowledge helps you focus on the work you do to provide for your family. You can know for certain your child is cared for by communicating with your child care provider on a daily basis. The [Communicate with Your Child Care Provider](#) resource offers 10 tips for efficient communication. It also includes a list of questions to ask that allows you to catch up on all that happened in your child's day. This is important because the more you know about your child's day, the better you and your provider can work as partners for your child.

You're all on the same team and need the support of each other to ensure your child is ready for kindergarten and life-long learning.

Don't stop there! We have some fun resources to share with you to help your children [reach for the stars](#) at home. We're focusing on math this month so keep reading for [math resources](#) from the Family Resource Library to extend learning outside the classroom. Also, included in this edition of the *Buzz* is an article from [PBS Kids](#) that can help you and your child set some goals for this school year. You'll also find a link to the [Child Care Finder Tool](#) later in this newsletter.



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But who's counting?



PLAY,
LEARN,
EXPLORE

LEARNING RESOURCES





Talk Math

Introduce your child to math through every day conversation. Talk math while you work and play. Children learn by repetition. So, sing, talk, play and repeat! Make the learning fun and they'll want to do it again and again.

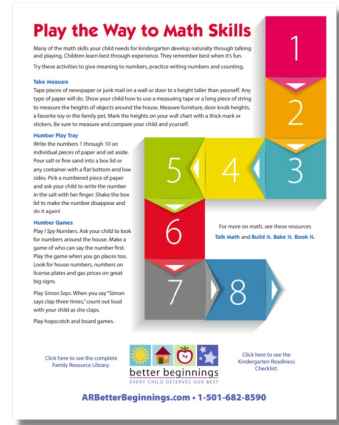
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Three Paths to Math

Build it. Bake it. Book it. Pick one path to math or go down all three! Each path teaches a different math concept that lays a foundation for future math learning.

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Play the Way to Math Skills

Many of the math skills your child needs for kindergarten develop naturally through talking and playing. Children learn best through experience and remember best when the experience is fun. The activities in this resource give meaning to numbers, allow children to practice writing numbers and help children learn how to count.

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LEARNING
IS FUN!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Communicate with Your Child Care Provider

Communication is key to building a relationship you can trust. This resource provides 10 tips for communicating with your child care provider to ensure you are informed and able to support your child's learning outside the classroom.

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Setting Goals for a New School Year

This article from PBS Kids has great ideas for setting new school year resolutions with children. Read more to see how you can work with your child to set goals to make this school year their best one yet.

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[Child Care Finder Tool](#)

The child care finder tool is the best way to search for providers in your area. This tool provides you with the age groups served, Better Beginnings level and more to help you make the best decision you can on what facility is best for your child. Check it out today!

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[Why your Community Should Support Quality Child Care](#)

High-quality child care has a great impact on you and the state's economy. Check out our latest press release to learn more about the importance of high-quality child care and how you can help promote it.

[Learn More](#)

[Arkansas is an Early Education Leader](#)

Arkansas was named the state in the U.S. with the best early education system! This is an exciting accomplishment for the state and for children.

Division of Child and Early Childhood Education Director, Tonya Williams, was recently interviewed about this. Read to see why she thinks Arkansas is the best.

[Check it out!](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

Powerful Conversations with Fathers will host its last online webinar Monday, October 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. with Marvin Benton, a firefighter and father of three daughters. He will share his story as a father and discuss how he raised his daughters in spite of the adversity he encountered.

You're invited to join the conversation. Register today!

[Register](#)

SEPTEMBER OBSERVANCES

Baby Safety Month

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World Literacy Day

National Coloring
Day

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National PlayDoh
Day

Math Storytelling
Day

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Better Beginnings means better opportunities. Investing in quality child care for all Arkansas children creates better opportunities for our children, families, workforce and communities.

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Better Beginnings is Arkansas's tiered quality rating improvement system for child care, early education and school-age programs that have gone above and beyond the state minimum requirements. Better Beginnings is administered by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education.



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