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A NOTE FROM DAWN JEFFREY:



Holiday decorations are showing up everywhere. Excitement is growing and showing on little faces! We wish you the happiest holidays ever!

Need help entertaining your young ones? There are dozens of fun activities on our website.

Do you like to make things? How about a butterfly or a musical instrument? Do you like science experiments? Wish someone had made math fun when you were little? We have just the activities and you probably have all the materials you need right at home!

Visit our free <u>Family Resource Library</u> for activities for learning through play, development and more. Also en <u>Español</u>.

Try our <u>Winter Break Make & Do</u> resource to get started. Remember, play is for learning. Have fun!

Happy Holidays!

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FAMILIES | PLAY IS FOR LEARNING

Better Beginnings has activities to help your child learn through play Check out in our **Family Resource Library. Find resources en Español here**.

Bring Books to Life





Books open the door to learning. See our NEW resource, **Bring Books to Life,** for tips to make reading a real experience.

Transform yourself and your child from a caterpillar to a butterfly or make a butterfly from a paper plate.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED RESOURCE | PLAY IS LEARNING

Winter Break Make & Do

Make your child's winter break great with more than a dozen activities that make learning fun.

This one-pager won't be on the website for long, but the activities are available year-round in our free

Family Resource Library.



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 more kids are better prepared for kindergarten.

The following programs are **now 3-star Better Beginnings providers**:

- LITTLE ROCK Darnall School
- NORTH LITTLE ROCK Bright Beginnings Child Care III
- ARKADELPHIA Clark County Early Learning Center

The following programs are now 2-star Better Beginnings providers:

- JONESBORO AEL Geraldine Anderson Center
- NORMAN Caddo Hills Preschool
- LITTLE ROCK Tweety's Lil Academy

If you are a Better Beginnings provider and are interested in moving up in star ranking, click **here**.

PROVIDERS | You Make a Difference in Children's Lives

Every caregiver in a child's life is a part of forming that child's future.

We have the tools to help you do your best.

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In November, <u>Bring Books to Life</u> encouraged families to open the doors to learning and adventure with a visit to your local library. Membership is usually free and children can select from hundreds of books.

The public library is also available to child care directors and teachers.

Better Beginnings's <u>Story-A-Month</u> curriculum has guides to help teachers make the most of books that young learners will love to hear.



Better Beginnings guides combined with free book usage from the public library is a winning combination for the children in your care and for the teachers!

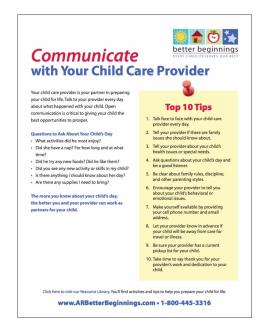
Find More Curriculum Resources Here

COLLABORATE | Providers and Families Connect

Providers, post these resource pages in your halls to **generate** conversation between teachers and client families.



A rule of thumb: Less is more. The less a toy does, the more opportunity a child has to



Your child care provider is your partner in preparing your child for life. Talk to your provider

create and learn from it. Simple toys are easier for children to use, need less supervision and can last longer. **Email Details**

every day about what happened with your child. Open communication is critical to giving your child the best opportunities to prosper.

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Provider	Select
Partner	Select

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Better Beginnings is Arkansas's 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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