

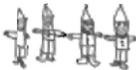
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Benchmarks With Strategies  
and Activities For Three and  
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Picture This:  
A Framework for Quality  
Care and Education for  
Children from Three to Five

The  
Family Connection

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Share with families the booklet  
*Picture This: A Framework for Quality  
Care and Education for Children from  
Three to Five*. You may want to order  
additional copies of the booklet for each  
family with a preschool child enrolled in  
your program.

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# Make The Connection



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## Arkansas Early Childhood Education Framework: Benchmarks With Strategies and Activities For Three and Four Year Old Children

## Picture This: A Framework for Quality Care and Education for Children from Three to Five.

- Guide for planning curriculum for preschool children
- Bibliography of children's literature
  - Book selection guide for caregivers/teachers and for families
- Developmental Rating Scale
  - A practical way to document each child's development and learning
  - A tool to use in planning curriculum for individual children and for groups of children
  - A comfortable way to help families recognize emerging skills and abilities of their children

Arkansas Early Childhood Education Framework aligns with the Arkansas State Department of Education Kindergarten Frameworks

Through photos and vignettes in this booklet see the Arkansas Early Childhood Education Framework in action.

- Share the booklet with families at
  - Parent Orientation
  - Family Night
  - Parent Meetings
  - Parent Conferences
  - Home Visits
- Give each family with preschool children a copy of the booklet
- Include the booklet as part of orientation for new preschool caregivers/teachers
- Incorporate the booklet into staff training
- Be creative as you share the booklet with others

## The Family Connection

Thirty-two sets of activities that connect children to their classrooms and to their families

### Each set of activities has three parts:

- Part 1 – Benchmark Activity
  - For preschool caregivers/teachers to use in their classrooms or child care settings
  - Connects to Family Connection activity
- Part 2 – Classroom Connection
  - Gives families examples of activities their children may experience in their classrooms or child care settings
  - Highlights benefits children receive when they participate in these activities
- Part 3 – Family Connection
  - A companion piece to the Classroom Connection
  - Gives families ideas to try with their children at home

### Family Response Sheet

- Sent to families along with the Family Connection and Classroom Connection handout
- Allows families an opportunity to give Family Connection feedback

Make copies of the Classroom Connection, Family Connection and Family Response sheet to send home to each family with a preschool child enrolled in your program.