

River Valley Early Childhood Association



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(May 3th-7th, 2021)

Early Childhood Center: Greenwood Preschool Center

Director: Candice Long

Words that describe my teachers:

Kind, compassionate, understanding, safe keepers, dedicated

How do your teachers make everyday special for their students?

They show up everyday wanting to provide a safe, enriching, and loving learning environment for each of the students. Even with a mask you are able to tell they love the students and want them to shine.

My teachers shine the brightest when:

The going gets tough! This by far has been the year to learn to adjust. I tell everyone I meet that I feel our program is not just surviving, but thriving. This is because of our teachers. Thank you!

Early Childhood Center: FUMC Child Enrichment Center

Director: Roshondra Graham

Words that describe my teachers:

Hard working, loving, caring, and dependable

How do your teachers make everyday special for their students?

Greeting each child with a hug.

My teachers shine the brightest when:

They have patience.

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Early Childhood Center: Lincoln Childcare Center

Director: Jennifer Rudder

Words that describe my teachers:

Energetic, knowledgeable, loving, supportive, fun, faithful, and creative.

How do your teachers make everyday special for their students?

My teachers started last year with a flood and ended in a pandemic! They did not miss one second of learning with their children. When the children couldn't come to us they went to them. They found many alternative methods not only for teaching but for supporting the whole family. They are always willing to go the extra mile and do what needs to be done to reach each and every child.

My teachers shine the brightest when:

They are with their children!

Early Childhood Center: Interfaith Preschool

Director: Ann Law

Words that describe my teachers:

Passion for teaching, love for children, understanding how important the school is to that child and their families. They wear many different hats and will wear each one with professionalism.

How do your teachers make everyday special for their students?

Having fun with their class. Bringing out the inner child in you so they know it's okay to laugh at you and with you. Making learning fun by always being on their level.

My teachers shine the brightest when:

Knowing it's not about you, but all about children.

Early Childhood Center: ABC Children's Academy Site 4

Director: Krystal Foulk

Words that describe my teachers:

Caring, warm, energetic, loving, dependable, consistent, and role models

How do your teachers make everyday special for their students?

They always try to have fun activities ready in the classroom for the children. They use teachable moments. They have personal connections with all of their students and work hard to maintain those relationships.

My teachers shine the brightest when:

They have the support from management and are shown how much they are appreciated.

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Early Childhood Center: ABC Children's Academy Russellville Site 2

Director: Amber Bogue

Words that describe my teachers:

Caring, helpful, loving, kind, willing, passionate, hard working

How do your teachers make everyday special for their students?

Each day my teachers greet each student with a smile on their face. They are always singing the songs the kids want to sing and they adapt to each of the kids needs/wants.

My teachers shine the brightest when:

They have the biggest smile taking care of the kids and when they are singing all the silly songs as loud as can be!

Early Childhood Center: Cutie Pie's Childcare & Preschool

Director: Shanee West

Words that describe my teachers:

One of a kind uniqueness

How do your teachers make everyday special for their students?

By making every experience count while molding and shaping them for the future.

My teachers shine the brightest when:

Each child walks into the door ready to see those personalities shine.

Early Childhood Center: ABC Children's Academy

Director: Kim Via

Words that describe my teachers:

Passionate, compassionate, energetic, connectors, good communicators

How do your teachers make everyday special for their students?

Our teachers make their classrooms a true "school family" environment for our children. Our children feel safe and loved. Our children are encouraged to use their voice and our teachers LISTEN.

My teachers shine the brightest when:

They are inspiring others to shine.

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Early Childhood Center: Ozark Kindergarten ABC Pre-k

Director: Jennifer King

Words that describe my teachers:

Outstanding professionals with a love for children and their education.

How do your teachers make everyday special for their students?

They love them unconditionally and have a heart and determination for student success, well-being, and happiness.

My teachers shine the brightest when:

Sharing students' work, progress, and celebrating success.



Note: Participation and deals can vary by location so be sure to check with your local store for information. Most retailers require a valid teacher ID for deals.

- **1800Flowers.com:** NEA members can save 20% on flowers and gift baskets.
- **23andMe:** Teachers save \$20 to \$100 on select DNA kits.
- **Adobe Creative Cloud:** Teachers save 60% off monthly Creative Cloud subscriptions.
- **A.C. Moore:** Present your school ID, pay stub or other qualifying identification to get 15% off regular and sale-priced purchases of arts and crafts supplies at A.C. Moore.
- **Ann Taylor LOFT:** Teachers save 15% off full-price purchases.
- **Apple:** Apple Education Pricing is available to teachers on select devices.
- **A to Z Teacher Stuff:** Get low prices on teaching eBooks and ready-to-use classroom activities created and classroom-tested by teachers. Many downloads are free.
- **Barnes & Noble:** Get 20% off purchases for classroom use throughout the year, and 25% off purchases during Educator Appreciation Days.

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- **Bookmans**: Get 20% off all purchases.
- **Books-a-Million**: Get 25% off purchases for the classroom with a BAM Educator's card during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **Budget Truck Rental**: get 10% off local moves and 15% off one-way moves.
- **Coolframes.com**: Teachers get a 5% discount.
- **Costco**: NEA members will receive a \$30 Costco Shop Card with a new Costco membership.
- **Dagne Dover**: When you register with Dagne Dover, you can get 20% off purchases.
- **Eduporium**: Get a 20% discount on most products.
- **GE Appliances Store**: NEA members receive several discounts and free delivery on appliances costing more than \$399.
- **GelPro**: Get 25% off your purchase of cushioned floor mats.
- **GM Educator Discount**: Current employees of a public school, private school, college or university can enjoy special pricing below MSRP on the purchase or lease of eligible, new Chevrolet, Buick, GMC or Cadillac vehicles.
- **Half Price Books**: Get 10% off purchases when you sign up for the Half Price Books Educator's card.
- **Hertz Rent a Car**: NEA members can save 25% on rentals.
- **J. Crew**: Get 15% off at [JCrew.com](https://www.jcrew.com)
- **Joann**: Teachers save 15% on purchases.
- **Karen Kane**: Teachers get a 20% discount.
- **Lakeshore Learning**: Save 15% when you join the Teacher's Club.
- **L.L. Bean**: Get a 10% discount on your order.
- **Michael's**: Get 15% off every purchase.
- **Microsoft**: Shop the Microsoft Education Store and you can save 10% on Surface, select software and more.
- **National Rent a Car**: NEA members save up to 25% on rentals.
- **Office Depot/Office Max**: Office Depot/Office Max stores' **Give Back to Schools Program** lets you give your PreK-12 public or private school 5% of the purchase price on qualifying school supplies such as notebook paper pens, pads and binders.
- **PBS Learning Media**: Register free for access to thousands of classroom-ready, curriculum-targeted, digital resources and lesson plans aligned to Common Core and national standards. Basic service is free to PreK-12 educators.
- **Party City**: Provide a signed letter from your administration and receive a 10-20% discount on in-store purchases. [Read the details](#) to get started.
- **Pencils.com**: Sign up to receive a 10% discount on purchases.
- **SIXT Rent a Car**: Teachers get a 5% discount on rentals.
- **Staples**: Enroll in the Classroom Rewards program and receive up to \$250 to use on classroom supplies from Staples. Parents donate 5% of their purchases to a teacher or school of their choosing, so you'll need to enroll before parents can choose you as a recipient. Earn \$5 rewards dollars just for signing up.

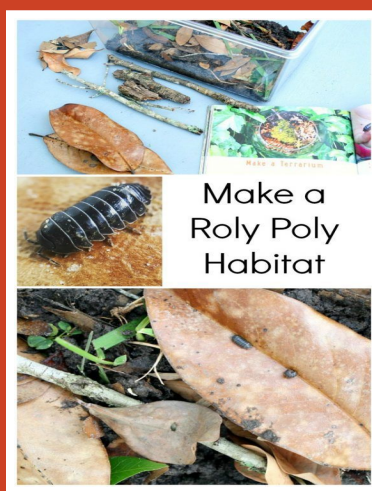
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Activities



Teacher Resources

Attention Preschool Teachers!!

Do you need help with lesson planning or themes? Did you know UAFS has a collection of theme boxes that are **FREE** to check out and use in your classroom? Email Sheri Young at sheri.young@uafs.edu if you are interested.

Need more resources or inspiration? Check out the **RV-ECA** [pinterest](#) page!

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Upcoming Events

Write Out of the Box
Fine Motor Skills
for Young Children



Dr. Marianne Gibbs

Saturday, May 8 2021
10:00am-12:30pm via Zoom
Register today on our website
www.arkansasearlychildhood.org



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The 59th Annual Conference

RV-ECA Meeting

- *The Journey Never Ends*
- **Tuesday, May 11th, 2021**
6:30-8:00pm (business meeting
6:00-6:15)
- **Location:** Zoom



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Stay connected with us!

Like us on [**Facebook**](#), check our [**affiliate google site**](#), and check the AECA [**affiliate page**](#) to stay current on upcoming events.



Training Feedback Form:

We want to hear from **YOU**! Keep an eye on your inboxes/spam for a RV-ECA Professional Training feedback form. Your voices matter and your feedback is essential in order to provide quality training.

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Are you an Early Childhood teacher, director or family child care provider?

Interested in a degree in Early Childhood Education, but in need of financial assistance?

Then **T.E.A.C.H.** is the program for you! Click the T.E.A.C.H. link above to learn more and apply for this great opportunity to further your education and careers!

Learn more about the **T.E.A.C.H.** program, from an actual graduate of the program, at our next RV-ECA meeting on **May 11th.**

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Join AECA

*Connect with like-minded professionals
who share a goal to make life better for children*



Member Benefits

- ★ Membership in two associations for one price
- ★ Networking through local affiliations or chapters
- ★ Support from social media groups and message boards
- ★ Access to the latest information about child development
- ★ Verified training in the Professional Development Registry
- ★ Advocacy with policymakers on important early childhood issues
- ★ Home of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Arkansas Scholarship Program
- ★ Reduced rates to AECA and SECA conferences



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