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The BCLC Educators and Staff are dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of all the children in our program. Please take a moment to get to know who we are and what we do here at BCLC. We would be happy to meet with you at any time.

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21	22	23 P/A	24 SSC	25	26 Kes-trel	27
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A note from our Early Childhood Education Assistant Director:

Welcome springtime! We have a lot of fun things happening in our Early Education program this month! We are starting up our gardening program by cleaning up our raised beds and planting new seeds to grow over the summertime! We are also going to be starting our composting program by teaching the children the difference between trash, compost, and recycling. Please remember that we are a nature-based program and while we do provide Muddy Buddies for the children, it is always suggested that you send your child in play clothes, rain boots, and a spare pair of clothes. Springtime can be very wet and muddy, and the children enjoy puddle jumping! Please be on the lookout for summer programming field trip permission forms as they will be coming out in late April or early May.

Thank you much, Alex.



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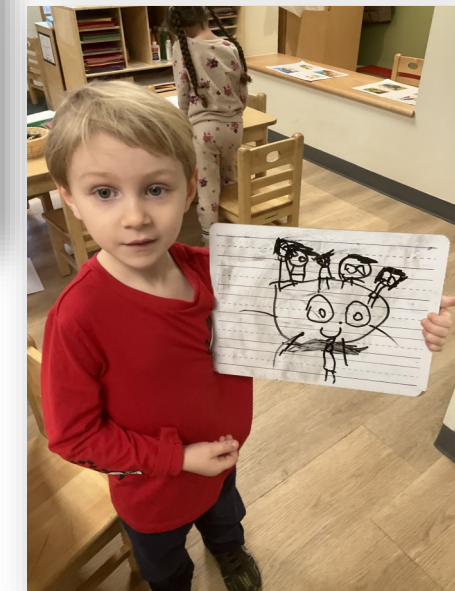
FEATURED TEACHER OF THE MONTH



This month, we would like to feature our Infant room teacher, Kayleigh! Kayleigh has been working with children for 14 years now. She started with us at BCLC back in September and has been a wonderful asset to our team. Kayleigh has two daughters who attend our Preschool program and some of her favorite things to do outside of work are to spend time with her children and spend time up at the lake in New Hampshire. Kayleigh has formed great bonds with all of our infants and does a wonderful job at providing them all with extra "TLC" as she would like to say. Thank you Kayleigh for all you do for our infant room and being a great team player!



Ryan and Niko enjoying a story about trucks together.



Luka in pre/K showing off some of his very cool art work on the white board!



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Infant

This month in our Infant room, we will be working on our gross motor skills and our hand-eye coordination. We will be rolling and tossing different types of balls. We will also be listening to all types of classical music and working on our dance moves like waving our arms around moving to the music. We will also be working on holding and looking at story books that are all about feelings, as well as looking at pictures of happy, sad, and mad faces, in order to start learning to recognize different emotions. We will be putting paint inside Ziplock bags, squishing it all around, and looking at the colors we can make, in addition to the sensory experience of the paint squishing around in the bag. We will also be using a lot of soft animal toys to experience how they feel (fluffy, smooth, etc...). We are going to be playing outside much more with the warmer weather approaching. We are going to be sitting in our sandbox, feeling the sand, and will be taking many more walks in our strollers.



Infant Toddler

This month in infant toddler we are going to focus on springtime colors! We will explore the colors that we might see blooming in the flowers and incorporate those colors into our art and our sensory bins. We will start our gardening program and learning how to dig in the dirt and plant seeds. We will look on our playground for new types of flowers that might be blooming. We are going to use flowers in our sensory experiences by smelling them, feeling them, and even tasting edible ones. We will also use flowers as part of our expressive art curriculum by painting with them! We will spend more time outdoors, as the weather continues getting warmer. Please make sure you pack your child extra play clothes and rain boots, as the playground can get muddy in the wet spring.



Toddler

This month in toddler we will be beginning our gardening season! We will be creating a garden bed space and learning all about planting things in our garden bed! We will use planting our seeds as a fun sensory activity, as we dig in the dirt and talk about how it feels. We will also have a lot of fun dance parties this month, learning new dance moves and ways to move our body. We will continue to work on sharing and kindness with our friends. We are so excited to go outside more often and to start our gardening! Please make sure you send your children with an extra set of play clothes and rain boots if they have them. We do use our muddy buddies, but during the wet spring season our playground can get a bit muddy, so please send your children in appropriate clothing.



Toddler/Preschool

This month in Toddler/Preschool, we will be celebrating spring coming! We will observe changes in our environment outside of our classroom. We will talk about the changes in weather that are happening and will look out for spring animals that will start to appear, like returning migratory birds. We will observe the changes happening in the trees and plants and will look for the return of hibernating insects. We will practice nature yoga, while outside on our playground with the warmer weather coming. We will also have a lot of fun singing and dancing along to the *Six Little Ducks*, the *Itsy-Bitsy Spider*, and *Five Green Speckled Frogs*. We will learn a lot of new outdoor games to play, such as *Green Light, Red Light*, as well, and *Duck, Duck, Goose*. We will collect items from our playground to create nature collages and will also be using flowers to make flower prints. We are going to start learning all about our gardening spaces, exploring all new types of flowers, smelling them, and feeling them for sensory experiences. Please pack extra clothes and rain boots, so we can continue to play on our playground even in the sometimes wet or muddy weather.



Closures and Events

4/19/2024 BCLC CLOSED PATRIOTS DAY

Preschool 1

This month in Preschool 1, we will explore the construction of habitats. We will find new materials to build with, while also learning more about animal habitats and how they are built. We will learn about all of the materials animals use to build their habitats and where we can find them in nature. We will continue to use our children's yoga and hopefully, with the warmer weather approaching, will start utilizing this while outdoors. We are going to learn different types of bird songs and have dance parties with nature-based instruments found on our playground. We will continue to talk about emotions. We will also be using our *Second Step* curriculum to play out social scenarios in order to start building our social-emotional skills. We will use new materials to make some fun 3D art, as well as exploring new art mediums and color theory. We will explore all types of sensory mediums as well, while we build with sand, foam, and clay. We will be bringing our building exploration outdoors as well as exploring our woods trails for new kinds of habitats.



Happy Birthday

Darla 4/7/20

Arthur 4/12/22

Eric 4/18/20

Savannah

4/20/19

Preschool 2

This month in Preschool 2, we will learn about what springtime brings! We plan to start our gardening program, while also talking about what types of plants grow during the spring. While we start our gardening program on our playground, we will talk about what types of animals we are going to start to see more of with the warm weather approaching. We will extend our periods of time outdoors with the warmer weather. We are going to start having dance parties on our playground and observing the sounds of nature through practicing children's yoga. We are going to talk about how the warm weather and springtime makes us feel, while we explore feelings and what they mean. We will look for different plants in our playground for outdoor painting. We will continue to explore our nature trails, as we look for new plants that are starting to bloom. We are excited for the warmer weather coming. Please be mindful of sending an extra change of clothing as we will be spending a lot of time outdoors, that tends to get muddy when the wet spring weather arrives.



Pre/K

This month in PreK, we will learn about springtime and recycling! We will talk about how the weather is changing and what those changes look and feel like. We will also talk about all the other changes that accompany the arrival of springtime, such as new growth and changes in the dirt. We will introduce recycling and will talk about the difference between trash and recycling. We have been doing *Freeze Dance*, as a fun movement activity and will continue to do other fun dance games. We will continue to use our *Second Step* curriculum to improve our developing social-emotional skills. We will collect materials from our natural playground and will use them in our expressive art activities, such as painting with branches and leaves. We will also use recycled materials to paint. We use water as a sensory activity and planting seeds in our garden in honor of Earth Day on April 23rd, 2024. Families are invited to share flower seeds, they would like to share with us to plant this gardening season.

Thank you, Irena

