

Early Education - August Newsletter

Featured staff of the month!



Zach is our featured staff of the month in the early education program! He has worked at BCLC for many years with both our school age program and our early education program. He currently is in the young school age classroom and one of their lead teachers. Zach does a really great job at

engaging the children in gardening and growing caterpillars into butterflies. Zach has a lot of knowledge in outdoor programming and nature that he passes on to the children. He has been a wonderful asset to our team in early ed, as well. Zach spends much of his time in the infant and toddler classrooms and the children adore him. Thank you Zach for all your help and the hard work you do here!

August 2024 Birthdays

Bennett 8/6
Nathan 8/16
Tatum 8/20
Jameson 8/29



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School Announcements from All Classrooms

- Please make sure your child has **extra weather-appropriate clothes (please label), raincoats, rainboots, bathing suits, water shoes or crocs (no open-toed shoes), sun hats, and towels to keep at school as the seasons change!**
- **Keep an out eye for field trip permission slips. We have many fun and exciting activities planned!**
- **PreK graduation is August 30th!**
- **Please take a minute to review your information in Brightwheel. Phone numbers, addresses, and pick-up authorizations should be current.**

Infant - Sign Language This month the infants will learn and practice baby sign language such as "all done", "more", and "thank you" from the book *My First Baby Signs* by Lee Ann Steyns & Julia Seal. We will use *My First Baby Sign Language Flash Cards* by Rockridge Press for ASL learning. Our music and movement will include the music book *The Manners Song* by Loo Loo Kids, learn how manners are important, and practicing good manners with our friends. We will continue to paint, play with our friends from other classrooms, and share toys. Thank you, Kiki & Maria



Infant/Toddler - Anatomy and Moving our Bodies The children will focus on naming and identifying their body parts and how they use them. We will dance to "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" by CoComelon and will take turns naming our friend's body parts. In expressive art we will use paint to create fun shapes with our hands and feet. As we explore the outdoors, we will pay attention to which body part we are using as we walk through the woods, reach for branches, and touch the water. For sensory exploration, will make noises with our hands and stomp with our feet. Thank you, Shauna & Emerson

Toddler - Fun in the Sun Our class will focus on all fun summer activities like water play and outside learning. We will sing and dance to our favorite Disney songs. For social-emotional learning, we will work on using our words to communicate with friends about our needs. The children will have paper and crayons available at all times to create expressive art! We will be using the sand and sensory table to learn about the ocean. Our outdoor experiences will include taking more walks to Shoe Pond to explore the turtles and birds that live there and also do lots of water play at school. Thank you, Mariah



Toddler/Pre - Water Play and Bubbles This month the children will explore their love for bubbles. We will learn how to make our own child-safe bubble recipes and investigate different tools to produce a variety of bubble shapes and sizes. In expressive art we will be using different bubble mediums, such as bubble wrap and blown paint bubbles to make unique bubble print creations. We will also observe the color prisms that can be seen in bubbles. We will use our bubble machine to dance to "Blowing Bubbles" by Kath Bee and will read *A Bubble* by Genevieve Castree. We will continue to work on building both our independent and social skills as we get ready to move to preschool. Outdoors, we will be enjoying summer water play and caring for our pumpkin patch in our garden. Please be sure to send in bathing suits, water shoes, and extra clothes, if you haven't already done so! Thank you, Sandi & Katie

Pre1 - Exploring Animals & Habitats Along the Coast

Our classroom will focus on learning more about water-based habitats and creatures through wood walks, tide pooling, field trips, and more! Music and movement will involve new creature-themed songs, children’s yoga and dance to benefit both gross motor and social-emotional skills. The children will continue to focus on recognizing, understanding, and processing their emotions. Nature-based materials collected on our field trips and woods walks will be used for our art projects. We will utilize our indoor/outdoor sensory tables to explore fun sensory-based activities. Thank you, Gia & Molly



Pre2 - Our Solar System Our class will focus on the solar system and what effects the sun and moon have on our daily lives. For social-emotional learning, we will learn to be aware of our feelings when we see the sun, versus seeing the moon. The children will participate in yoga sessions in the afternoon and will move their bodies to “Mr. Golden Sun” by Raffi. For expressive art, we will paint with light and dark colors as well as “paint with the sun”. For sensory exploration, we will play with moon sand and we will make our own playdough. Our outdoor experiences will include water table play, going on walks in the woods, and looking for animals we see when the sun is out and when the moon is out. Thank you, Josh & Jess

PreK - Oceans and Their Importance In our Life

Through a variety of books and field trips the children will learn that oceans provide habitats for a diverse marine life and the effects they play in our planet. With simple activities the children will be exposed to the water population and sort what belongs and what does not belong in the oceans and our beaches. Sand trays, shell sorting, and turtle symmetry with wooden shapes will be some of the activities in our PreK classroom. We will have discussions about transitioning to kindergarten and the similarities and differences of both settings. Graduation will be held on August 30! More info to follow! Thank you, Irena & Ranjana



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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.

Important Dates

- August - BCLC’s field trip calendar is located at the front desk
- August 17 - Project Adventure Family Day
- August 27 - Family Engagement Night Dinner 5pm-7pm @ Beverly Children’s Learning Center (Goodbye summer! Hello new school year!) Watch for flyer for more details.
- August 30 - PreK Graduation

A note from our Early Childhood Education Director

Happy August! The beginning of summer is flying by here at Beverly Children’s Learning Center. Our preschool classes have been going on adventures, including a boat ride with Salem Sound Coast Watch! They also love taking the bus with Mr. Lou, our bus driver. Here at the center, we have been enjoying the weather and doing lots of water play to stay cool. I hope you continue enjoying the summer, thank you for being part of such a wonderful community!
Thank you,
Sarah