



Early Education - December Newsletter

Featured staff of the month

LyCha Miville is the Social Worker for our program. She has been with BCLC for 25 years. During her time with our center, she has served in different roles, including teacher and ASOST Program Director. However, as the program's licensed Social Worker, she has without a doubt found her most valuable role. On a daily basis, LyCha provides support to our children, families, and staff. She is committed to finding extra services and resources for any one in need and often makes herself available outside of her regularly scheduled work hours. She acts as an advocate for families and assists them in navigating complicated situations. Her understanding, compassion, and empathy for everyone she works with is evident through her ongoing dedication. Thank you for everything you do, LyCha!



Important Dates

December 23 - December 27 holiday break - closed
January 1 New Year's Day - closed

December Birthdays

Logan 12/2 Ivory 12/16
Alyse 12/5 Isaac 12/19
Mila 12/5 Rosalind 12/19
Jaysen 12/13 Felix 12/27
Enzo 12/16 Iris 12/30



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School Announcements

- We are a nature-based learning center and will utilize our natural playground each day in all types of weather. Please send your child with an extra change of warm clothes (**please label**), rainboots, rain jackets, snowsuits/jackets and snow boots for the winter months, and closed-toed shoes to keep at school.
- Please call the front desk (978) 927-1269 prior to 9am if your child will not be attending BCLC. This avoids confusion at pickup and gives us an accurate number of children for meal times.

Infant - Colors, Shapes, & Textures The children will focus on building fine motor, communication, and social interaction skills. We will sing and move to nursery rhymes and the song "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" by Raffi, clapping and swaying. We will read *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. to encourage recognition and interaction. Finger painting with safe, edible paints and exploring crayons for scribbling will be lots of fun during our expressive art. We will explore different textures with our toys, soft fabric, and sensory bins with water and rice. Our outdoor time will consist of exploring nature and playing with bubbles in the fresh air. Thank you, Miss Maria & Miss Nova



Infant/Toddler - New Art Tools and How Toys Work Our class will focus on relationships in the classroom, learning our environment, identifying our own cubbies, using new art tools, and exploring our lunch foods. We will dance to "We Are the Dinosaurs" by The Laurie Berkner Band, "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" by Cocomelon, and "ABCs". They will utilize all parts of the curriculum to build trust and relationships. For expressive art we will introduce sensory art projects for the children to create art with their bodies and explore art tools with our new friends. The kids will gather leaves for art projects and make tape nature bracelets. Thank you, Miss Shauna & Miss Cassie

Toddler - The Spirit of Giving For the month of December, following last month's theme of harvest and thankfulness, we will focus on the spirit of giving. We celebrate our diverse community and give to each other some of the wonderful things we've received this year. During music, the kids will listen to an array of winter holiday songs from The Nutcracker Ballet with songs that celebrate winter weather, such as "Winter Wonderland" by Felix Bernard, and from the movie Frozen, "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" For art, our class will paint and cut out with different colors and materials that embrace the season. For sensory play, we will experiment with ice melting, crunchy leaves, the bare bark of trees that lost their leaves, and more. Thank you, Miss Mariah & Isa



Toddler/Pre - The Environment This month, the children will explore environmental differences that come with the changing of the seasons. Winter animal habitats and hibernation will be investigated. The kids will dance to music with wind streamers and create expressive art with natural items discovered on our playscape and in our woods and wetlands. We will have discussions about how the new weather makes us feel each day. There will be leaves, ice, and hopefully snow in our sensory table for experiments. We will also work on clearing our conservation land trails. Thank you, Miss Katie & Mr. Josh

Pre1 - Discovering Light & Dark We will focus on the contrast between light and dark as the sun begins to rise/set earlier each day. We'll also tie in how animal habitats change as the seasons do. For music & movement we will do yoga by Cosmic Kids, the "Doggyland" affirmation songs & "We're Going On a Bear Hunt" by The Kiboomers. The kids will continue to learn and understand different emotions and how to handle them and read *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown. During expressive art, we will explore the contrast of light & dark through painting, making collages, and more! Flashlight and translucent toys will be used for some light-up fun and our outside materials will be used in the sensory tables. Thank you, Miss Gia & Miss Bella



Pre2 - Animals that Hibernate In The Winter and Those That Do Not

Our class will learn about hibernation, which animals hibernate, and why they hibernate. They will discuss the animal tracks we discover in the woods, near the school, and in our neighborhoods. For music and movement the kids will sing "Adventure Through The Snow" by Fun Educational Songs and for social-emotional learning, will read *Over and Under The Snow* by Katie Messner and *The Reflection in Me* by Marc Colagiovanni. The children will make animal shelters out of materials we collect during our woods walk and make animal tracks with paint and playdough. During sensory time we will fill our sensory table with cotton balls and small animal figures and also with white sand with winter figures and tools to practice our pouring skills. We will be walking through our nature-based playground looking for animal tracks and will create our own animal shelter in the woods. Thank you, Miss Jess & Mrs. Edylay



PreK - Shapes and Colors All Around Us The children will explore symmetry and patterns by using different shapes, colors, and materials. They will observe 3D shapes in nature and through STEM activities, and be encouraged to build bridges, steady structures with assorted materials such as wooden blocks, rocks, and tree branches. Through the series of *Elmer* books by David McKee, the children will learn to embrace their uniqueness and the nature of friendships and family. "Shape Songs" by Jack Hartmann will help visualize shapes through movements and singing. Thank you, Miss Irena & Miss Ranjana



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Moved or changed phone numbers? Please be sure to let us know.

Please take a minute to review your children's information in Brightwheel. Phone numbers, addresses, and pick-up authorizations should be current.

BCLC Management Team

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Kyle Silva	ASOST Site Coordinator X219
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LyCha Miville	School Social Worker X204

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.

A message from Sarah

Happy December!

We had a fun fall here at Beverly Children's Learning Center. We spent time exploring nature and making art with leaves. We made the best out of the days that we had to spend inside due to the air quality from the brush fires, reminding us all that there is always a way to pivot and make the day fun despite what challenges we may face! We are looking forward to the wintertime and hope to get some snow to be able to play in! Please remember to pack plenty of outdoor clothes so that we can explore all that our outdoor spaces have to offer!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season,

Miss Sarah
Director of Early Education Program



Happy Holidays from all of us at Beverly Children's Learning Center.