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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.

A note from our Family Childcare Director:

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday and sending best wishes for a bright and joyous New Year!

Just a few reminders:

- Please remember if your child is not feeling well have them stay home and hopefully we can all be on the road to a healthy 2025.
- Children will still be going outside even in the snowy weather, so please make sure you send in appropriate winter clothing.
- Call your child's educator if your child will not be attending and also let them know in advance if your child has an appointment and will arrive late.
- Please remember to update your child's file regularly; Some important items to check are current phone numbers and who is authorized to pick up your child.

Pam Caldwell

Family Child Care Program Director

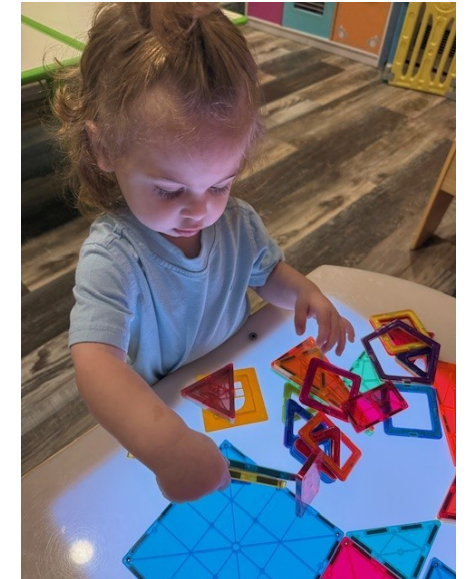


*Happy
New
Year*

Family Childcare Edition January 2025



**Making the
Holiday's
bright at
Hyacinth's.**



**Cooperative
play is an
important tool
of learning.
Mixed age
groups foster
not only
independence
but the ability
to make
decisions that
impact the
group.**



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Friends at Zenaida's are very busy this time of year. Holiday crafts and baking are just a few of their favorite things.



Closures & Events

25 Christmas Holiday- Closed
 January 1 New Year's Holiday- Closed
 January 20 Professional Development Day- Closed
 Please check with your child's provider for additional days or consult calendar



Making Memories

Children's demands might hit especially hard this time of year when we're working long hours to make ends meet or just trying to get dinner on the table. We're also reminded of how much need there is among families in our own communities and around the world. While young children can't yet see the world from somebody else's perspective, we can begin to build a sense of gratitude starting in the toddler years.

- Show appreciation to your children. Slow down and observe more closely. You'll see things you appreciate about your kids—then tell them! Appreciation can be an even more powerful motivator than praise. Sharing appreciation is a strong way to feel connected to one another.
- Show appreciation for others. Never underestimate the power of your words and actions. Your children are paying attention to the way you treat others, whether it's friends, neighbors, a teacher, or the cashier at the market. They hear your tone with the salesperson on the phone. You set a great example when you model kindness, generosity, and gratefulness in your own everyday interactions.
- Use the word "grateful." Children need to learn what this new word means.

Explain that being grateful is noticing something in your life that makes you happy. "I'm grateful that it's sunny today because it was raining yesterday." Mention gratitude when you're doing an everyday pleasant activity, like hanging out at the playground or eating ice cream as a special treat. Pause and say, "I'm so grateful for this day!" or "Wow, this is fun!" Your enthusiasm will be contagious.

Start a New Tradition...

- Make a Thankful Tree. Cut a tree trunk from cardboard or construction paper. Tape to a wall or window and cut out some leaf shapes. Ask your child to think of something they are thankful for and write one on each leaf. Then tape the leaf to a branch. Add your own "thankful things." Have your child ask family members what they're grateful for and add them to the tree.