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BCLC Management Team

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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.

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

Important Dates

- ⇒ Kestrel
2/3, 2/10, 2/24
- ⇒ Salem Sound Coast Watch
2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26
- ⇒ Project Adventure
2/6, 2/13, 2/27
- ⇒ CLOSED February 17 - President's Day

A message from Sarah

Happy February! We've had an exciting winter here at Beverly Children's Learning Center. The day before the holiday break, the children woke up from their nap time to a winter wonderland outside. Since then, we have been lucky to have a few opportunities to explore the snow! Our preschool classrooms are enjoying their visits from Kestrel, Salem Sound Coast Watch and Project Adventure. Project Adventure's student goals for the winter are to gain awareness and acknowledgement of feelings within themselves, as well as working with each other and the group in positive ways! As always, I am appreciative of all of you for being part of our community!

Miss Sarah
Director of Early Education Program

Early Education - February 2025 Newsletter

Featured staff of the month



This month, we are featuring one of our teachers in the Toddler room, Isa! Isa has been here since July 2024. Isa joined our BCLC family with her two twin boys, who are now almost 8 months old. Isa brings knowledge of the Montessori teaching approach, along with unmatched patience and kindness to our students. Thank you for all that you do Isa, we loving having you and your family here!

February Birthdays

- Emily 2/3**
- Emmanuel 2/6**
- Jon 2/8**
- Joy 2/8**
- Nadine 2/9**
- Genevieve 2/19**
- Madison 2/24**



School Announcements

- Please do not send in commercial Valentine's Day cards, sugary treats, or candy. The children will be creating cards in their classrooms.
- 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. Also, please watch for any symptoms during the cold & flu season.
- Please call the front desk (978) 927-1269 prior to 9am (Early Education) 10am (School Age) if your child will not be attending BCLC. This avoids confusion at pickup and gives us an accurate number of children for meal times.

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Infant - Winter Sensory Exploration! The children will be learning about winter and exploring the snow. We will watch the snow melting! For music, we will sing and dance to winter themed songs such as "I'm A Little Snowman" by the Kiboomers and "I'm A Little Snowflake" by Laurie Berkner. We will read *A Day In The Snow* by Eric Carle and make paper snowflakes for expressive art. When we go outside we will be exploring the snow with all of our senses! Thank you, Miss Maria & Miss Kiki



Infant/Toddler - Natural Resources and Color! This month our class will focus on groundhogs, experimenting with colors, friendship, and kindness. The children will dance to "I'm a Little Groundhog" by the Kiboomers and read *The First Words of Love* by Jean Claude and other books about friendship and kindness. For expressive art we will put colors on paper towels then add water from water droppers to see how the colors change and explore them. For outdoor experiences, the children will bird watch and gather pine cones to make bird feeders and will paint with other natural resources. Please remember to check your child's cubby for artwork and soiled clothing. Thank you, Miss Shauna



Toddler - February! This month, we will be celebrating Black History and some of the most significant U.S. Presidents. February's flower is the violet, and its birthstone is amethyst, which means sincerity. We will create cards to exchange with our friends and decorate the classroom in red, pink and violet. In this way, we acknowledge the love of family, of friends, and of community. Thank you, as always, to our Toddler parents for all that you do. Thank you, Ms. Mariah & Isa



Toddler/Pre - All About Me At the end of January, we welcomed Miss Yani into the class as the co-teacher! Our class will focus on each child and what makes them unique. For music and movement we will sing "all about me" songs. For social-emotional learning we will read all about me books such as *I Like Myself* by Karen Beaumont and *Only One You* by Linda Kranz. For expressive art we will be doing self portraits and exploring how different items, places and people make us feel. When we go outside, we will learn about how different situations make us feel. For example, how does the cold snow make us feel? Please send a family picture of you and your children on an adventure that you enjoy! Thank you, Mr. Josh & Ms. Yani



Pre1 - Kindness and Community Our class will focus on spreading kindness and gratitude through our school's community and learning about key community members that help us in our daily lives. We will sing "The Welcome Song" and "The Affirmations Song" both by Doggyland, and other community helper songs. For social-emotional learning, we are going to celebrate "Kindness Fridays" with social and feelings-based games, and read *The Crayon's Book of Feelings* and *Words Are Not For Hurting* by Elizabeth Verdick. We'll find creative ways to use nature in our community helper's themed art, and use art to express kindness and gratitude. Different mediums such as ice, sand, water, buttons, and more will be used in our sensory bins. During our outdoor experiences, we will continue to explore and adapt to our nature trails and outdoor classroom as the months get colder. Thank you, Miss Gia & Miss Bella



Pre2 - Friends & Emotions For the month of February, the children will work on understanding our friends' emotions, learning self-awareness, responsible decision-making, relationship skills, self-management, and social awareness. We will listen to the "Feelings Song" by Diane Albert and read *Words Are Not For Hurting* by Elizabeth Verdick. The children will "paint" the emotion they are feeling and will discuss how their creations make them feel. We will make sensory emotion bays that will help the kids self-regulate as well as help them identify their emotions. For our outdoor experiences we will do mindful walks in the woods and discuss how nature makes us feel. Thank you, Miss Jess & Mrs. Edylay



PreK - Friendship & Kindness For the month of February, the children will explore the themes of friendship and kindness. They will be encouraged to participate in group activities, collaborate with each other to create and build together, and become better listeners to each other's ideas. Second Step curriculum will help reinforce some of those friendship ideas through simple scenarios with puppets, songs, and discussions. Some of the books that we will read are *A House for The Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle, *Stick and Stone* by B. Ferry & T. Lichtenheld, and songs such as "The Sharing Song" by Raffi. Project Adventure and Kestrel Education Adventures programs will resume on Mondays and Thursdays. Thank you, Miss Irena & Miss Ranjana

