



Early Education - January 2025 Newsletter

Featured staff of the month



Mikenya has worked at BCLC since April of 2023. Originally, she was hired specifically to work as an aide for an individual child in a part-time position,

but after observing her skills, we made the decision to move her into a full-time support educator position, working with all of our children. Her commitment to BCLC, her love of children, and her dedication to continuing her education in the field of early education is admirable. We have enjoyed having Mikenya on our team and look forward to many more years to come!



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. Also, please watch for any symptoms of illness during the cold & flu season.
- 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.

Important Dates

January 1 - New Year's Day - closed
January 20 - MLK Jr. Day Professional Development - closed

January Birthdays

Xailah 1/1 Oakley 1/17
Chase 1/2 Jack J. 1/21
Gavin 1/3 Jeremiah 1/24
Jack M. 1/6 Nevaeh 1/26
Noah 1/9 Maxwell 1/29
Jaieden 1/14



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Infant - Sensory Activities, Music, & Motor Development This month our class will focus on building trust and attachment, fine and gross motor skills, and early communication through gestures and sounds. We'll be moving to "Itsy Bitsy Spider" by Cocomelon and will read *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown. During expressive art, the kids will explore chunky crayons and finger painting activities. For sensory play, the children will play with sensory sand and soft fabrics in the sensory table. We will continue going on stroller walks around the play area and have shaded outdoor time. Thank you, Miss Maria & Miss Kiki



Infant/Toddler - Winter Animals Our class will focus on winter animals and which animals thrive outside in the cold versus which will hibernate. We will sing and dance to "I'm A Little Snowman" by Super Simple Songs and when it starts to snow outside, we will build our own snowmen! During our outdoor explorations, the children learn about nature's changes in the winter, seek where animals go to hibernate, and will collect nature-based resources to create art. Our sensory bins will be filled with frozen pretend animals and we will use warm water to unfreeze our animals. Thank you, Miss Shauna & Miss Cassie

Toddler - New Beginnings With the New Year Our class will throw a New Year's Day and Chinese New Year party and draw up resolutions, making tissue paper art, Chinese paper lanterns, and giving out red envelopes. The children will work on identifying the weather and learn how to dress to keep warm and dry during the winter. We will continue to work on our social-emotional skills by greeting each other in the mornings, saying our names during Morning Meeting, sharing and taking turns with toys, and being kind and helpful to each other. For gross motor development, the children will play outside each day and also in the gym we will play games such as Red Light Green Light, Simon Says, and Duck Duck Goose. Thank you, Miss Mariah & Isa



Toddler/Pre - Changes in The Environment This month, we will focus on the changes to our environment, such as temperature and other winter related conditions. We are also going to explore different types of instrumental music selections and will use them as inspiration to dance and perform creative movement exercises. We will have discussions that will associate our emotions with nature and the winter season. We will create works of expressive art using the colors of nature during this time of year. We will venture into the clearing in the woods and bring back items from nature to fill our sensory table, as well. Please share with the classroom what traditions you have at home to celebrate the new year. Thank you, Mr. Josh

Pre1 - The World Through Curious George! Our class will focus on our feelings and how to conquer challenges with the help of Curious George. During music and movement we will sing "The Affirmations Song" by Doggyland, "The Sharing Song" by Jack Johnson, and "Breathe In & Out" by the Kiboomers. For social-emotional learning, we will discover our different emotions, why we feel them, and how to process those. The children will read *Crayons' Book of Feelings* by Drew Daywatt. The children will explore all the colors of the rainbow through different nature-based mediums and we will bring natural materials into our sensory trays and tables. On Tuesdays & Fridays we will be using our woods trains and outdoor classroom to continue exploring the habitats around us! Thank you, Miss Gia & Miss Bella



Pre2 - Winter Animals and Snow Our class will focus on the animals we see and facts about snow in the wintertime. We will learn to sing and dance "The Snowflake Dance" by Cici Telovadba and read *When Sophie Gets Angry -- Really, Really Angry* by Molly Bang and learn how to regulate our anger. Making a pine cone and pine tree glue board and painting with cotton balls will be a fun art project! The children will make their own "snow" and a winter wonderland sensory bin with pinecones, acorns, and water animals. We will utilize our outdoor school trails and playing in the woods. Thank you, Miss Jess & Mrs. Edylay

PreK - Animals Around Us Through our walks in the wetlands and our playgrounds, the children will watch for tracks, droppings, and other signs of animal life. They will record their findings with drawings and picture collages, and create a "Pre-K Animal Journal". As they learn about the animals' habitats, we will create diagrams by identifying environments and needs for food, shelter, and water for different species. Books by Jan Brett, such as *The Mitten* and *The Hat* will help identify some of the animals in the stories. Sensory bins with different elements will be provided daily. Songs by Jack Hartmann, such as "Animal Alphabet Soup" and "Alphabet Zoo" will bring fun and improvement to our learnings. Thank you, Miss Irena & Miss 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.

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

A message from Sarah

Happy New Year!
I hope you all had a great Holiday season. We are excited to be welcoming in the New Year here at Beverly Children's Learning Center. Our partnerships with Salem Sound Coast Watch, Project Adventure, and Kestrel Educational Adventures are in full swing in our preschool classrooms.

All our friends are enjoying their time outside, even when it's chilly! Please remember to send extra hats and mittens so we can continue our outdoor education year-round. There is so much for our young friends to learn from nature in every season.

As always, I am thankful that each of you are part of our Early Education family. Have a great January!

Miss Sarah
Director of Early Education Program



Wishing all our families a safe and happy New Year from all of us at Beverly Children's Learning Center!



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