



Early Education – April 2026 Newsletter

Featured staff of the month - Mr. Louis



Mr. Louis is currently one of our toddler teachers in our Early Education Program. In addition to being a kind, compassionate, conscientious, and creative teacher, Mr. Louis has an extensive background in music, both formally and informally. He studied music theory at Hampshire College in Amherst, took music classes at Berkely College of Music in Boston, sang in choirs, played in jazz and rock bands, taught music lessons to children, helped facilitate concerts for children, and so much more. Thank you, Mr Louis, for sharing your passion and knowledge with us!



School Announcements

- **All children must be signed in and out in the binder at the front desk every day**

- **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.**

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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, and closed-toed shoes to keep at school.



Charlotte 04/02

Arthur 04/02

Mae 04/10

Infant- Welcome to April! This is a time of rebirth and renewal in which we recommit ourselves to the things that matter most to us. This is why we celebrate Earth Day, to inspire a deeper connection and commitment to our planet. To that effect, we will continue exploring the natural environments that surround our program and exposing the infants to the natural materials that are just a small part of a big ecosystem. As the weather warms, we will hopefully venture out more into our playground and start going on walks. Thank you for all that you do and for the honor of being a part of your child's life.

Infant/Toddler- In April, the Infant/ toddler classroom will be exploring spring, weather, and animals! We'll enjoy music and movement with songs like "Hop Little Bunnies", "How's the Weather?", and "Jump in the Puddle". Our class will create spring-themed art, using the natural materials and colors of spring. Sensory activities will include rainbow in a bag, making playdough, and exploring a sensory box with feathers, cotton balls, and crinkle paper. In order to enhance their social-emotional skills, we will use animal puppets and sing "If You're Happy and you Know it", as well as participating in an egg hunt! We'll practice early math and science skills by counting plastic eggs and sorting colors. Some of our favorite books this month are *Hello, World Weather* by Jill McDonald, *Baby Loves Spring* by Karen Katz, and *Ten Little Bunnies*. As the weather changes, please remember to send your child with **weather-appropriate** clothing so we can enjoy outside play.

Toddler- Our class will be celebrating springtime growth this month! We will be exploring outdoors more and watching the flowers bloom. We'll listen to springtime songs by Kiboomers and do spring yoga! While working on our social-emotional skills we will practice gentle touches with nature and being kind to our friends. Making nature collages and flower art using recycled materials are not only great expressive art activities but also an opportunity to teach the kids about our planet and how we can help it flourish. We will explore our 5 senses while we play with garden sensory bins. Sorting nature items by size and counting rocks and leaves will help work on our early math skills. Our featured books this month are *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle and *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Elhart. We will slowly start switching out our winter clothes to bring in spring clothes! Please be on the lookout for any bags in your child's cubbies soon as we begin to pack up their winter gear!

Toddler/Preschool- The Toddler Preschool class will be exploring in the garden this month as we welcome spring and discover the wonders of nature and gardening. During Music and Movement we'll enjoy collaborative dances like "Ring Around the Rosy," "Hot Potato," our "Get Up and Dance" circle time song, and daily yoga to help regulate our bodies. In Social-Emotional Learning, children will practice identifying and understanding their feelings with our new "Guess My Feelings" game. Expressive Arts will incorporate the outdoors with activities like mud painting and spring-inspired gardening projects, while our sensory experiences will include a garden-themed sensory table and nature-based activities that explore the five senses. For Math and Science, each child will grow their own window plant and practice counting with help from the outdoors. Our Language and Literacy time will feature *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle and *The Hike* by Allison Farrell. As we head outside daily and restart our weekly woods walks, please be sure to send your child in weather-appropriate clothing and have extra clothes available for muddy adventures!

Preschool 1- For the month of April, we will continue our learning of the spring season by introducing the topics of gardening, bugs/insects, spring animals and weather. Additionally, we will celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22nd. We will be singing and dancing to “Rain Rain Go Away” and doing “Seed to Tree” yoga. Preschool one will be talking about how spring and nature makes us feel, and how we care for animals and bugs when exploring our environments. Our friends will be making nature collages, bird feeders, rock buddies and even work together to make a bug hotel! Cutting flowers, planting seeds, and gardening activities will be featured in our sensory bins, kitchen, science area and more. While observing our growing plants inside and out as well as experimenting with color changing flowers like carnations, we’ll work on our early math and science skills. Our featured books of the month will be “*Earth Yay!*” by Jonathan Sundry, *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle, and *Earth Ninjab* by Mary Nhin. Please ensure your children are sent with plenty of extra clothes, as well as a pair of rainboots to keep at the center. Kiddos love to play in the mud and puddles!

Preschool 2- For the month of April, Preschool 2 will focus on growing our garden. We will get our garden beds ready to plant our seeds. We’ll explore different sounds of nature, waves splashing, rainforest and night time crickets. Preschool 2 will express how playing in the garden makes them feel both in a group and with their peers. For expressive arts projects, they’ll paint with sponges, and mud as well as mixing paint with the mud! Our class will make a new sensory bin with various materials from our garden while we explore our senses. While we sort seeds and flower petals, we will work on our early math skills. One of our favorite spring books are *Inch By Inch*” and “*The Tiny Seed*.”

PreK- The PreK classroom will be exploring all things weather this month. During music and movement, the children will sing and move along to “What’s the Weather Like Today?” while learning about different types of weather. For social-emotional learning, we will continue practicing our skills with Second Step scenarios and songs. Our expressive art activities will get a little messy and creative as we paint with frozen ice and use spray bottles with dot paint to make runny designs. For sensory play, children will enjoy cloud writing in shaving cream and experimenting with pine cones in water. In math and science, we will track the weather with daily graphing, explore sounds with wind chimes, and count raindrops at the light table. For language and literacy, we will read *And Then It’s Spring* by Julie Fogliano and transform our dramatic play area into a weather station, complete with maps so children can become weather forecasters!





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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 Cindy Early Ed Director

We are happy to welcome spring here at BCLC! We are lucky to have Kestrel Education working with us through the rest of the school year. They come once a week and work primarily with our preschool classes teaching about nature awareness and seasonal animals. So far, we have learned about foxes and fishers and this week spotted salamanders and tree frogs, while taking walks on our nature trails!

We are also so happy to welcome Amanda Madalena to our staff as our new Assistant Director. Amanda comes to us with a great deal of childcare experience and has just moved to the Northshore. Please stop by the front desk and say hello when you get a chance. Please don't forget to follow our Facebook page and see some fantastic photos of the children playing and learning- Thank you Ms. Emily for these great posts!

Happy Spring!
Cindy