

EARLY EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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FEATURED STAFF OF THE MONTH- MISS ANDREA!



This month, we are excited to feature Andrea as our Staff of the Month! Andrea has been part of the BCLC family since 2025 and recently transitioned from Infant/Toddler to the Infant Room, where she truly shines. Having previously worked with infants, she loves being back with this age group and enjoys spending her days snuggling with the babies, singing songs, reading books, and creating art with them. Andrea's kindness, warmth, and caring nature make her such a special part of our team, and we are so lucky to have her at BCLC!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- We are not accepting any clothing donations at this time.**
- Moved or changed phone numbers? Please be sure to let us know.**
- 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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Alaia 7/9
Mansa 7/10
Jada 7/13
Margot 7/18
Benjamin 7/26
Noble 7/31



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Infant

In the month of July, Infants will be focusing on summer fun! We'll move and groove to "Baby Shark", "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes", and "Itsy Bitsy Spider". Our friends will enjoy water play while spending lots of time outside, and climbing in and out of the ball pit. They'll work on their fine motor skills by making paper roll fireworks, strawberry footprints, and doing tummy time painting with their peers. We'll explore our senses with bubbles and finger painting, as well as feeling different textures, while crawling in the grass outside. Watching bubbles pop, and counting how many balls we toss into the ball pit will help work on their early math and science skills. Our books will be *Baby Loves Summer* by Karen Katz, *Baby Shark Finger Puppet Book* and our ocean sensory book. Please make sure your children have bathing suits and water shoes for the summer!

Infant/Toddler

Welcome to July! This month, we will be celebrating Independence Day on the 4th of July! It is a time to celebrate the achievements of the great Americans who have built a country of diversity and multiculturalism. Thank you for being a thread in this tapestry, of which BCLC is a microcosm, where we choose to celebrate and honor the cultures and histories of all it's members. We will also be exploring bugs and dinosaurs! From the smallest species of our world, to the largest creatures to ever walk the planet! During Circle Time, we will play songs such as "We Are the Dinosaurs" by Laurie Berkner, "The Itsy Bitsy Spider," and "I'm Bringing Home a Baby Bumble Bee." During outdoor play, we will play games such as Hide-n-Seek Dinosaurs and Bug Hunt, and excavate dinosaurs in our sensory table. We will make dinosaur footprints and insect art with fly swatters. We will be reading books such as *Dinosaur Dance* by Sandra Boynton, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, and *Bugs, Bugs, Bugs* by Bob Barnes. Please bring in swimwear and water shoes for the summer months, as we will have outdoor waterplay to stay cool and active!

Toddler

We will be learning about different animals that like spring and summer and also plants that grow in each season. Our class will sing and dance to "Mr. Golden Sun" and "Itsy Bitsy Spider". Toddlers will learn to share the ball with their friends and learn how to use kind words, like please and thank you. We're going to make collages with materials we gathered outside and explore our senses while collecting, as well as water sensory bins and nature buckets. While we work on our early math and science skills, our friends will count what we see outside. Our books of the month will be *Ocean Creatures* by National Geographic Kids and *Roly Pollys* by Monica Carretero. Please remember to bring swimsuits, extra change of clothes, and sun hats!

Todd/Pre

Toddler Preschool is "Out of This World" this month, while they learn about outer space! Our class will sing and dance to "We're going on a Rocket Ship" and "Space Song." We will continue to identify and safely express our feelings using space related manipulatives. Toddler Preschool will make our own planets, galaxy collages, shooting stars with streamers, and more. We'll explore our senses using galaxy themed sensory bags and work on our early math and science skills by focusing on numerical order when counting with planets. Our books that we'll focus on will be *There's No Place Like Space* by Tish Rabe and **8 Little Planets** by Chris Ferrie. Please remember to bring your child's bathing suit, towel, and closed toed water shoes if you haven't already.

Pre 1

For the month of July, Preschool 1 will be celebrating all things summer! We'll move our bodies to beach day music and movement songs about waves, crabs, surfing, seashells and more. For our social- emotional learning activities we will play pass the ice cream as well as other sharing games, summer emotion cards, and practice taking turns! Our friends will paint seashells, explore sand art, and build sand castles. While we explore our senses we will play with water and sand tables and play in the sprinkler! We'll work on our early math and science skills by experimenting with sunscreen and its affects and learn about sea creatures.

Preschool 1 will read ***Anything is Popsicle*** by Maria Cedolini Thompson and *Franklin's Class Trip* by Paulette Bourgeois. Please make sure your children have plenty of extra clothes, a swimsuit, extra shoes/ water shoes, towel and anything else needed for summer fun!

Pre 2

We are so excited for summer! Preschool 2 will learn about how the weather is changing, and how its hotter during the day. Our friends will listen to "Down by the Bay" and "Sally Sells Sea Shells by the Seashore". We will get together and talk about how we feel when playing in the sun, as well as learn how to paint with bubbles and splat painting. Our beach themed sensory bins will help us explore all of our senses while in groups with our peers. For our early math and science activities, they will sort seashells and rocks. Please make sure your children have bathing suits, water shoes, and towels. Also, please send in extra clothes to keep at BCLC since we'll be going outside for more water play.

PreK

For the month of July, PreK will be focusing on "Life at the Beach" and learn about what life is like on the coast. We'll move our bodies during ocean yoga and listen to Animals in the Ocean. We'll start preparing our friends for Kindergarten and talk about our similarities and differences. PreK will make collages about beach pollution and learn what does and does not belong on the ocean shores. They will also paint seashells and make playdough shell prints! While we explore our senses, our class will practice writing in sand trays and play with sand. In order to work on our early math and science skills, they'll sort seashells by patterns, as well as matching rocks with numbers and an alphabet fish matching game. Our books of the month will be *A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle and *Save the Ocean* by Bethany Stahl. Please bring in summer clothing like bathing suits, water shoes, and 2 towels. Keep an eye out for our field trip calendar!



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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 message from Amanda

ECE Site Coordinator

Summer is in full swing at BCLC, and we are excited for all of the fun learning opportunities happening in our classrooms this month. In July, our children will be exploring themes related to beaches, the ocean, and summer through art, sensory play, books, music, and outdoor experiences.

Our teachers have also been especially intentional about creating more hands-on outdoor activities and learning opportunities for the children. Whether through nature walks, sensory exploration, movement games, or classroom activities inspired by the outdoors, we are making the most of the summer season while encouraging curiosity, creativity, and active learning.

As part of our summer fun, we will also be starting water play soon. Please make sure your child has a bathing suit or water-friendly clothes, closed-toe water shoes, a towel, and a full change of clothes at school so they are ready to participate.

\Field trips for Preschool and Pre-K will be starting soon as well. Permission slips will be sent home in advance and must be signed and returned before the day of the trip.

Our toddlers also recently had the chance to visit the library, and it was such a wonderful experience.

The children were engaged, excited, and loved participating in the activities there. We are looking forward to a few more library visits this summer and encourage families to join us if they are able. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fun and exciting July filled with learning, exploration, and summer memories.

Happy July! - Amanda