

SEPTEMBER 2026

EARLY ED NEWSLETTER



Featured staff of the month- Miss Lilly and Miss Millie!



We want to give a very special thank you to Miss Lilly and Miss Millie, who have been wonderful toddler preschool teachers with us this summer! Their kindness, patience, helpfulness, and genuine care for our little ones have made such a positive impact, and we are so grateful for all the love and joy they have brought to our classroom. As they head back to school, we will certainly miss having them with us, but we are incredibly proud of them and excited for what's ahead. Miss Lilly will be returning to Endicott College to finish her bachelor's degree in Special Education, while Miss Millie will be continuing her nursing school journey. We can't wait to see all that they accomplish and where their paths take them next. We wish them both a wonderful school year and know they will do amazing things!

Important Reminders

- We are not accepting any clothing donations at this time**
- 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

CLOSED

9/1 for Facilities day



We will be **CLOSED**
TO OBSERVE
Labor DAY
Sept. 7th



BCLC is Going Apple Picking!
Saturday 9/16 at Cider Hill
Farm in Amesbury

Check page 7 for more
details!



Meara 9/3
Ashlynn 9/3

Tate 9/4

Elliot 9/7

Levi B. 9/9

Marly 9/14

Dante 9/16

Azariah 9/23

Layla 9/25

Francis 9/25

Westin 9/29



Infant- This month, our class will explore the seasonal themes of Apples! Through Music and Movement, children will enjoy the ABC Song, "The Wheels on the Bus," and "Five Little Apples," along with music and dance activities. Our Social-Emotional Learning activities will include Peek-a-Boo, mirror time with facial expressions, and Pat-a-Cake. For Expressive Art, children will enjoy crayon rubbing and finger painting. Our sensory activities will include a texture board and dump-and-pour sand activities. In Math and Science, children will stack mega blocks, stacking rings, and exploring a nature basket. We also kindly ask families to send in a family photo and a change of clothes this month.

Infant/Toddler- This month, our Infant/ Toddler class will explore the autumn season through leaves falling, pumpkin harvest, and apple picking. In Music and Movement, we will enjoy "What Falls in the Fall?" by Laurie Berkner. Our Social-Emotional Learning will focus on sharing while engaging in group sensory activities. For expressive art, children will fingerprint with pumpkins and acorns. Sensory activities will include pumpkin carving, apple prints, leaf piles, and leaf sorting with contact paper, as well as washing pumpkins. In Math and Science, we will explore the shapes of pumpkins, apples, and acorns and leaves, including counting leaves. For language and literacy, we will read *The All-Weather Hat* by Melissa Blackwell Burke and *Duck Duck Moose* by Dave Horowitz. Please bring in a change of clothes!

Toddler- For the month of September, the toddler room will be focusing on animals, planting seeds, and the transition from summer to fall. Our music and movement activities include "Are you Hungry?" by Super Simple Songs, and "Autumn Leaves are Falling Down" by The Kiboomers. We will be reading books as a group, sharing toys with our friends, and singing and dancing together during circle time! While exploring our senses, we'll play with water buckets, autumn leaf collecting, and acorn collecting outside. For our early math and science skills, our toddler class will count different items on our nature walk and watch different animals from our classroom window. *Duck and Goose*, *Goose Needs a Hug* by Tad Hills and *Bird Boy* by Matthew Burgess will be our literacy focus for the month.

Toddler/Preschool- During the month of September, we will be focusing on *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and other Eric Carle stories and activities! We will be going on nature walks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as long as the weather allows us. We will all pick an emotion off of our chart during morning circle and talk about it with our friends. As fall approaches, we're excited to collect leaves and other natural materials on our walks so that we can make nature collages, and experimenting with apple and leaf stamping! Our sensory bins will be "The Very Busy Spider" and "Brown Bear" themed, as well as mud clean-up and making our own sensory jars. As we work on our early math and science skills, we'll learn all about planting seeds with *The Seeds we Eat* by Eric Carle and counting leaves, acorns, and pinecones that we find outside. Please send in family pictures for our family tree and extra clothes.

Preschool 1- Welcome to Preschool! As we welcome new friends to Preschool One, we will focus on getting to know one another, building relationships with classmates and teachers, and learning our daily classroom routines. Through music and movement, we'll celebrate new beginnings with songs including "Say a Friend's Name", "Welcome to Preschool", and "My Friends Go Marching". We will begin exploring social-emotional tools such as our Cozy Calming Corner, emotion puppets and mirrors, feelings posters, and social-emotional library to help children identify and manage emotions, build friendships, and communicate their needs. In art, children will experiment with crayons, markers, paint, glue, glitter, and other materials while creating an "All About Me" project. Sensory experiences will include sensory bins, playdough, water and sand play, finger painting, and other hands-on activities as we explore our five senses and discover our classroom, classmates, teachers, and ourselves. Our math and science activities will include measuring our bodies with classroom building materials, exploring X-rays on the light table, and practicing number recognition by counting objects throughout the day. We will also enjoy reading Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes by James Dean, Our Class Is a Family by Shannon Olson, and We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins. Please check your child's cubby and folder each day for artwork, classroom notices, extra clothing, and other important items, and remember to send their folder to and from school daily. We are so excited to begin this wonderful school year together!

Preschool 2- Preschool 2 is out of this world with their outer space theme this month! Our class will dance and sing to Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and Itsy Bitsy Spider. We'll have a space themed area where they can look at the stars and count the planets. Our friends will paint with stars, as well as explore splat painting in a group and explore different textures with moon sand, galaxy playdough, and space themed sensory bins. September will also conclude becoming familiar with classroom expectations, routines, and new friends! We will look at different phases of the moon and describe them during circle time. Please make sure your child has changes of clothes.

PreK- This month, our class will focus on "Getting to Know Me," where we will discuss the similarities and differences between home and school, build our classroom community, and explore identity. For Social-Emotional Learning, children will focus on building classroom routines, safety, the appropriate use of toys, and classroom centers. In expressive art, children will make self-portraits and create collages using magazines featuring different families. Our sensory activities will include play dough, and chalk. In math and science, children will explore apples and acorns trays, matching numbers with assorted objects, and patterns. For language and literacy, we will read The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn and Are You My Mother? Please bring in a picture of your family this month!

KIDS OF BCLC





BCLC will be taking part in the Connected & Online Program Starting 9/1/2026

The Connected & Online Program, launched in 2025, is an initiative that will distribute up to 32,000 internet-enabled devices, along with assistive technology and supportive equipment, to eligible organizations across Massachusetts. The goal of the program is to expand access to education, workforce training and telehealth by establishing public device lending programs and on-site device stations, especially in Gateway Cities and rural communities.

- **Workforce Development:** Equipped career hubs or public spaces allow for jobseekers to build skills that support them in crafting résumés, complete online training, apply for jobs and pursue remote work.
- **Education:** Supply libraries, schools and learning centers with devices that strengthen participation of individuals to complete virtual coursework, homework help, adult education and digital literacy training for the public.
- **Health Monitoring & Access:** Provide devices for telehealth visits, patient portal navigation, accessing health information and supporting remote patient monitoring programs. "Health monitoring" is defined as enabling a public user to expand their access to telehealth needs (e.g., conduct a doctor's appointment or complete medical paperwork).

A Limited Number of Dell laptops and Dell Tablets will be available to borrow beginning 9/1/2026.

The equipment is available for the above-mentioned uses.

If interested in borrowing a piece of equipment, please see Emily at the front desk.



Does the Apple Fall far from the Tree? Come Find Out!

What: BCLC is Going Apple Picking!

Who: Families & BCLC Staff Limited to 100 individual participants

When: Saturday, September 26, 2026 10am to 11:30 am

Where: Cider Hill Farm, Amesbury

Cost: Free

RSVP: Write your name, the number of adults & children attending, the number of the phone you will bring on the trip on the sign-up sheet in the lobby. If you sign up, please be sure to attend, as this is a popular trip and your cost to participate is being paid in advance.

Everyone must see Lisa at Cider Hill by no later than 10:15am to receive their bags and wristbands. Every participant will receive a bag for picking apples, hayride, apple cider and cider donuts! We will meet at the picnic tables at 11:00am for cider and donuts.

Families are welcome to stay at the farm afterwards, if they wish.

Come Join the Fun!

*Any additional apples picked that do not fit in bags provided or other products purchased during this event are at your own expense. Please respect this requirement and only put picked apples in the bags provided, so that we may continue our beneficial relationship with Cider Hill Farm. Children attending are always the direct responsibility of their family during this event. Staff are not responsible for the care of children at this time.

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.



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A message from Amanda

ECE Site Coordinator

We are making our way toward the end of a wonderful summer here at BCLC! We have had so much fun with all of our summer activities and field trips, and we are so proud of how well all of our classrooms did while exploring and learning together.

As summer comes to an end, we are also getting ready for lots of exciting transitions as children prepare to move into their new classrooms. We are looking forward to seeing everyone continue to grow and enjoy new experiences with their teachers and friends. We are also very excited to celebrate our Pre-K student, as they get ready for their next big adventure! We hope everyone enjoys these last few weeks of summer, and we are looking forward to a great start to the new school year!