EARLY EDUCATION

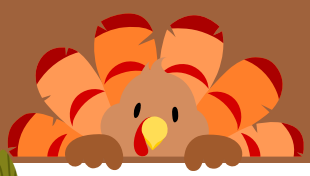
NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO BCLC MISS JENNY & MISS SYDNEY!

JENNY MASOTTA HAS JOINED THE EARLY EDUCATION TEAM AS THE NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND SYDNEY BURKE HAS JOINED PRESCHOOL 2, AS THE CO-TEACHER. PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE THEM A BIG WELCOME!

REMINDERS

- We are not accepting any clothing donations at this time
- All children must be signed in and out at our new kiosk 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 weather appropriate clothing, as well as a change of clothes.



Closed 11/26-11/27 for Thanksgiving

HAPPY Birthday!

Pablo 11/2

Leilani 11/4

Rowan 11/13

Lukas 11/28

Infant- This month, the infants will be learning about animals in the woods and seasonal autumn colors. In music and movement, they will sing "Old McDonald", Five Little Turkeys", and will participate in "Wise Old Owl" fingerplay. The infants will practice their turn taking skills by rolling a ball to each other and will also practice reach and grasp skills during tummy time. For expressive art, the infants will explore sponge and finger painting with autumn colors. For sensory activities, we will have fun with feather touch and tickle, autumn sensory bin leaves, tiny pumpkins, and oats. In math and science, the infants will stick a variety of leaves on contact paper, and learn color recognition through a pulling colored tape off of the wall activity. In language and literacy, we will read *Baby loves Fall* by Karen Katz, and *Babies in the Forest* by Ginger Swift, *Five Little Pumpkins Please remember to send in a coat, hat, and mittens for outdoor play and stroller walks..*

Infant/Toddler- This November, Infant/Toddler will explore the harvest through apples, pumpkins, oranges, and corn. Children will enjoy music and movement with Laurie Berkner's "We'll Fall in the Fall" while practicing sharing during play, art, and mealtimes. We'll create fall art, explore sensory activities, go crab apple picking, count leaves, learn about the pumpkin life cycle and changing seasons, and read *The All-Weather Hat* by Melissa Blockwell Burke, *You Are My Happy* by Hoda Kotb, and *Duck Duck Moose* by Dave Horowitz.
Family Reminder: Please send 3 sets of weatherproof clothes, snow/rain boots, and extra socks. As a nature-based program, activities may take place indoors or outdoors and will connect to learning through nature.

Toddler The children in the Toddler room will be exploring their connections to the fall season and observing the changes with trees, plants, and animals. We will be singing and doing movement activities to "Tap, Tap the Table" and "Open, Shut them". With social-emotional Learning, the children will have a team party and march to "Let's go Team!" In expressive art, the children will paint pumpkins, create bubble leaf prints, and color with crayons, markers, and paint on our art easel. Q-Tips will be used to create the child's own interpretation of skeletons. They will create reflection pictures, as well. They will also We will also have a leaf and pumpkin passing activity in circle. There will be pinecones and leaves in the sensory table. For science and math the children will collect leaves to observe and categorize. For language and literacy, we will be reading *There was an Old Woman who swallowed Some Leaves* by Lucille Colandro and *Chickens aren't the Only Ones* by Ruth Heller. Please send in warm fall clothing such as coats, hats, and mittens.

Toddler/Preschool- This month, our class will focus on community and thankfulness! Throughout the month, we will sing "Thank You, Friends!" to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It" (for example, "If you're thankful for your friends, clap your hands!") and get our bodies moving with a Community Helper Freeze Dance, pretending to mix like a chef, spray like a firefighter, drive like a bus driver, and more. For social-emotional learning, we will explore different feelings during circle time by identifying how we feel each day and discussing kindness, friendship, and gratitude. In expressive art, we will create thankful trees, collaborative fall collages using natural materials such as leaves and sticks, and a group community mural. At the sensory table, we will create a pretend "kindness soup" using water and sensory materials, make pies with Play-Doh, and explore natural materials. In math and science, we will practice counting 1–10 using leaves and explore, sort, and compare harvest items by characteristics such as color, size, and shape. For language and literacy, we will read books including *The Thankful Book* by Todd Parr and *Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do* by Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook, while practicing story retelling and having conversations about the people and things we are thankful for.

P**reschool 1**- This fall, Preschool 1 with Ms. Tabbi and Ms. Lori will explore the sights, sounds, and traditions of the season! We'll learn about changing leaves, pinecones, acorns, apples, pumpkins, turkeys, and more while exploring thankfulness, family traditions, and friendships. Children will enjoy fall-themed music and movement, art projects using natural materials, sensory play with fall spices, and math and science activities exploring nature, animals, colors, textures, and our five senses. We'll also enjoy stories including *How to Say Thank You*, *Llama Llama Gives Thanks*, and *Turkeys on Strike*. Please remember to keep 1–2 sets of weather-appropriate clothing at the center, and as the weather gets colder, please send snow gear including a coat, snow pants, gloves, hat, and snow boots.

Preschool 2 This month the classroom focus will be on learning more about the seasonal fall changes. For a music and movement activity. the children will be going on a leaf hunt. We will utilize collected leaves to create a Leaf Man. We will also use collected leaves to fill our sensory bins. In math and science, we will have leaf sorting activities, categorizing leaves, acorns, and pine cones by type, color, and size. For language and literacy we will be reading *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert, *We're Going on a Leaf Hunt* by Steve Metzger, *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* Lois Ehlert.

PreK- This month, our children will be learning more about the concepts of families and thankfullness. We will explore similarities and differences among our families and compare with our classroom community family. Through claroom projects and discussions, children will learn about appreciation for kindness and friendship. In expressive art, the children will create family collages using magazine pictures.. We will also be stamping and painting with various fall vegetables. For sensory interactions, the children will investigate beans, acorns, pine cones, and leaves. Concepts of weight and measurement will be explored in math and science. We will read *Are you my Mother?* by P.D. Eastman and *Who is my Family* by Robie Harris. Please be sure to share a family photo with us for our Family Tree in person or by email at prek@bclckids.org.

Salem Sound COASTWATCH

Salem Sound Coastwatch will be joining us again to provide enrichment activities each week to our preschool and prek classrooms, along with touch tank visits for our infants and toddlers.
School to Sea brings hands-on marine and environmental science to students across the Salem Sound watershed, from the classroom to the coast and beyond.
Through interactive lessons, field experiences, and real-world science, students explore the ecosystems around them and discover how they can help protect them.
School to Sea gives students the chance to experience science, not just read about it.

Reading Is Fundamental

BCLC is hosting another Reading is Fundamental family engagement event on November 18th from 5pm-6pm to promote literacy skills and reading. During this event, every child enrolled in BCLC will be given one of the brand new books we received from the Reading is FUNdamental grant we were awarded. Families will also be able to engage with staff and each other while having dinner provided by BCLC. We will also be serving dinner! Look out for more information on this event!