

# BRANFORD EARLY LEARNING CENTER

## Summer Newsletter

Welcome to the summer edition of our Quarterly Newsletter!

The season is in full swing, and our little learners are busy exploring.

This summer, we continue to foster a nurturing environment filled with more hands-on activities and enriching experiences. Your kids will be enjoying water play days, outdoor adventures such as field trips to Rose's Orchards and the Trolley Museum, and much more!

As always, we are dedicated to working alongside you to support your child's growth, curiosity, and imagination throughout these vibrant months. In this newsletter, you will find updates on our wonderful BELC staff, classroom highlights and important upcoming events.

Here's to a summer filled with laughter, learning and tons of lasting memories!





## Teacher Highlights

Help us in welcoming Kathryn Copperthite and Shirley Jimenez-Reyes!

Kathryn is BELC alumni and is currently attending college. Oh how they grow! She will be with us throughout the summer and we hope to have her back again next year.

Shirley brings over 6 years of experience working with children of all ages. With her fluency in Spanish and the engaging lessons led by Ms. Audrey, we're excited to see our Teddy Bears and ABCs begin picking up and speaking more Spanish.

Their dedication to supporting young learners and creating a positive, caring classroom atmosphere will make them a valuable addition to our program!

Atticus, Bridget, Kathy, Kristina, Lisa and Peyton attended a training with Mary Diamond from Early Childhood Consultation Partnership (ECCP) about positive reinforcement, discipline and communication techniques.

Cat and Bridget were able to attend the Farm-to-ECE Resource Fair in Wallingford recently, where they learned about local farms and brought back a bunch of items to kickstart our NEW indoor garden! A big thank you to Farm-to-ECE for the generous grant that is bringing this exciting project to life!



# Important Summer Dates

July 1st

ABC & Teddy Bear  
Field Trip to the  
Trolley Museum

July 16th

Kit Kat  
Ice Cream  
Truck

July 28th

Curious Creatures

August 7th

DJ Party

August 8th

Family Picnic

more details to follow



# Classroom Highlights

Our summer program involves lots of hands-on experiences for all of our kids, such as:

Practicing yoga

Working on fine motor skills with jewelry making

Sensory play with a mud kitchen and car wash

Tie-dying t-shirts

Each week, the children are learning based on different themes. For example, our Fashion Week consists of learning how to match colors and decorating their own paper ties, crowns, etc. Our Sports week consisted of playing a variety of sports and surprise guests.

When the Chipmunks can't participate in "big kid" activities, they are learning about birds and the first letter of their names.

Thank you to all parents involved in our summer program and always willing to lend a helping hand!





## Parent Reminders

BELC's last day of  
school is  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

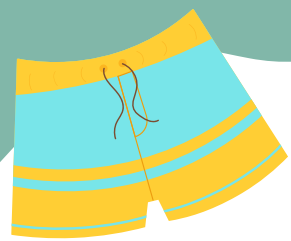
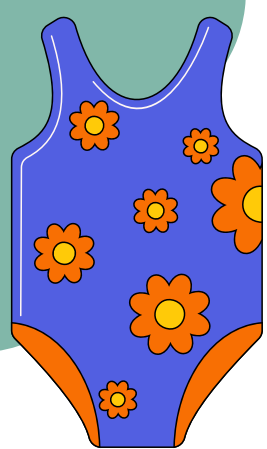
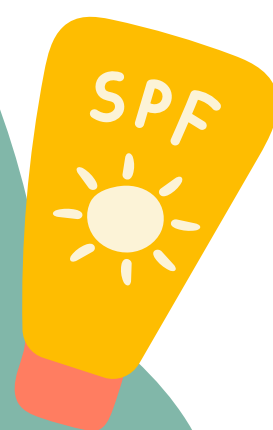
Pre K Graduation  
will be held on  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

BELC's first day of  
school is  
August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

If you haven't already, please make sure to check that  
you have filled out the form letting us know that  
your child will be with us next year!

*This was sent out to parents via Brightwheel.*

Make sure  
your child(ren)  
has/have a  
swim suit and  
sunscreen!



**ENJOY THE  
SUMMER**