

# BROWN COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER



## July/August Newsletter

### A Note From the Director:

Dear Parents,

Wow! The time has flown! The kids and staff are enjoying the warm weather and their time outside. The staff have started their team meetings and have some awesome plans for the rest of summer. If you haven't already, please bring extra summer clothes and sunscreen.

I am extremely proud of our staff for learning The Creative Curriculum so fast. We are hoping to have our first parent/teacher meetings in the fall. If you ever need to meet with your child's teachers or myself, don't hesitate to let us know.

Please check out our Facebook page and our website!

[Browncountyelc.org](http://Browncountyelc.org)

Stay cool and have a great summer!!

Sincerely,

Connie

### July Birthdays

Brody H. 7/2

Carson G. 7/8

Ms Grace 7/9

Christian H. 7/26

Harrison B. 7/26

### August Birthdays

William W. 8/4

Ms Vicki 8/6

Tucker E. 8/14

**If your child will be attending a public or parochial preschool program this fall, please let us know. Thank you!!**

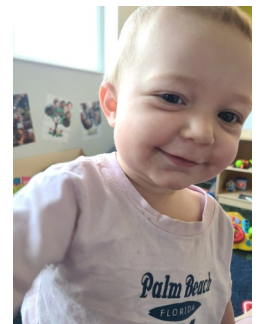
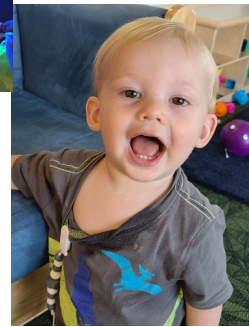
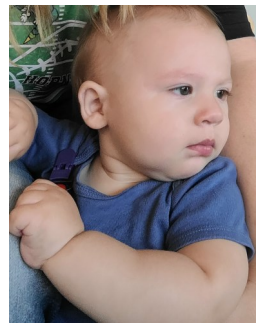
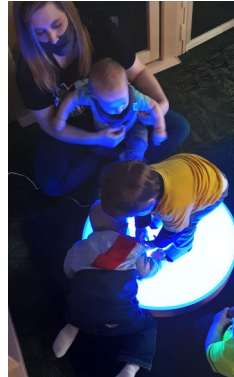


# INFANTS

## INFANT A

In Infant A, we will continue working on our fine and large motor skills, baby sign language, reading and exploring books, tummy time and going outside to enjoy the sunshine! We are working on some crafts to celebrate the 4th of July. In our classroom the kids love our activity with waterplay. They love to fish toys out of the water and splash around!!

**We love to spend time outside so please make sure your child has sunscreen, hats, etc.**



## INFANT B

In Infant B we have a couple new children in our class. I want to make every child feel at home. **I encourage all the children to complete the family tree if you haven't already done so.** We display them around the room as a great visual piece to remind children of their families.

We have been working on baby sign language, sitting up, crawling, and walking. We play with many toys, such as puzzles, to develop our fine motor skills. We have children at all different levels of development.

We talk continuously to the children so they hear language and to develop their language skills. We read a lot of books during the day as well.

We are continuing to interact and observe for Teaching Strategies Gold. We are now finalizing spring/summer. After finalizing is complete we will provide parent-teacher conferences for anyone wishing to schedule one. I look forward to watching your child learn and grow.

Ms. Shirley



# TODDLERS

Ms. Dana and I are very excited you are sharing your children with us. We have been very busy getting to know each child, nurturing them, and watching them grow as individuals. We have discovered they are all very busy and really keep us on our toes!

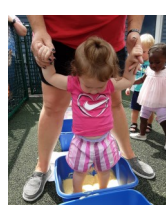
We have been learning about pets, celebrating Dads, and all of the colors in a rainbow. In the next few weeks we will be learning about Independence Day, birds, all different kinds of animals, and camping adventures.

The children really love water play, finding hidden items in Jello, and painting. We do a lot of painting. They also like to feed cookies to Cookie Monster and unwrap foil mystery items.

Potty training is going quite well. The children are very excited to use the potty and we sometimes have a hard time getting them to finish so we can move onto something else.

We continue to work on daily routines, using words to express their needs and wants, using listening ears, and making good choices. We have also been working on the following gross motor skills: walking backwards, hopping, marching, walking on tiptoes, riding tricycles, and throwing and catching a ball.

Ms. Julie





# 2 YEAR OLDS

Hello Families,

I just want to start out by thanking you for welcoming me into the Two's Room. We have been having a blast learning about the ocean and sharks. Since it's Summertime, we are going to be playing in the water a lot and enjoying the outdoors as much as possible. We are going to be learning about the Zoo when we are finished with the ocean. We are going to make a book of your child's favorite animals at the zoo. We have been working on using our words and potty training. If there is a certain way that you are potty training at home please share that with me and we can work together on it.

For my kiddos that are getting ready for preschool, we will be working on identifying letters and writing their name.

I'm so excited to see how your child grows!

Ms. Barb

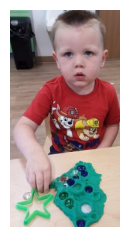
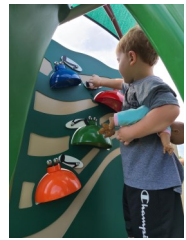
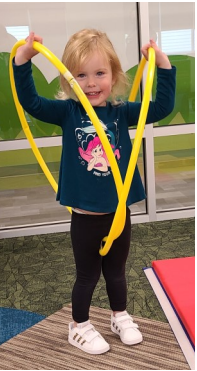
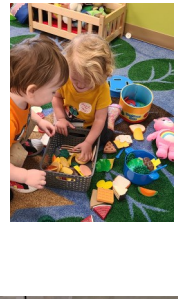
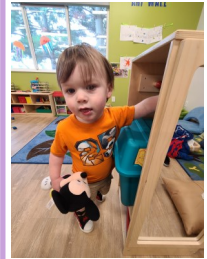
Summertime is in full swing in 2B! We are enjoying playing outside as much as we can. The kids love water play, bubbles, and watching the birds and squirrels. We are working on potty training, encouraging the children to try to go potty. We are also working on increasing our vocabulary and sharing our toys.

Upcoming lesson plans include: Ocean Animals, Dinosaurs, Zoo Animals, and Colors and Shapes.

Ms. Kira

Congratulations to Riley on becoming a

**BIG SISTER!!!**





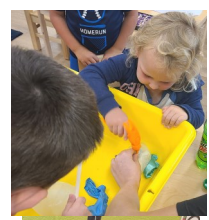
# PRESCHOOL

Summer has arrived in Pre-K and we are going to be studying water in the beginning of July. We will discuss the uses of water, how it changes and its effects on the environment. This will lead to the study of ocean animals and all the cool things about the ocean. We are going to be talking about the upcoming Olympics and we will be doing our own Olympics in our classroom. Go Team Pre-K!!

Our class has been extending our plant discovery and we are still waiting for our clover to grow. Ms. Geneie has been planting all kinds of flowers and we are hoping to bring our butterflies back with some beautiful flowers. We have been looking at rocks the last few weeks. I am sure you were introduced to their pet rocks and I hope those pet rocks are behaving! We had a volcano discovery and got to make and explode our volcanoes. The ever popular dinosaurs have found their way into our rooms and will be roaming around for a few more days.

We hope everyone has a great summer!

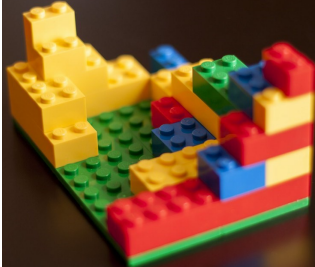
Ms. Corie and Ms. Geneie





# BLOCK PLAY HELPS CHILDREN LEARN:

SELF-EXPRESSION



PROBLEM SOLVING



MATHEMATICS



CREATIVITY

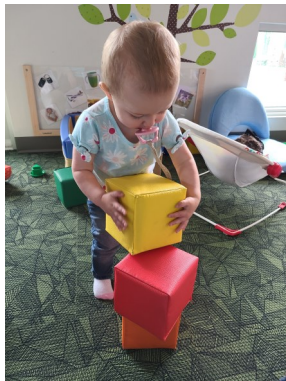
SCIENCE



CONTINUITY AND PERMANENCE



FINE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT



IMAGINATION

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SELF-ESTEEM



GROSS-MOTOR DEVELOPMENT



HAND-EYE COORDINATION

LANGUAGE

DEVELOPMENT



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**Corie Reid**

**Preschool Teacher**

## **My favorite thing about working at BCEL:**

Having Wednesdays off!! I love working with the kids. I love their honesty and not knowing what they are going to say!

## **My hobbies:**

Fishing, Four-wheeling with my husband, shopping with my daughters. I am also looking into bee-keeping.



## **My Favorites:**

Color: Blue/Green

Flower: Dahlia

Scent: Woodsy Scents

Drink: Dragon's Breath (Aycee Nutrition)

Sports Team: Cardinals

Animal: Horse

Children's Song: Tooty Ta

Children's Book: Chrysanthemum

Food: Pizza

Vacation Spot: Destin, FL

## **A little about me:**

I have been married to my husband Jason for 24 years. We have two wonderful daughters. Ashlyn is 20 and the 2019 Brown County Fair Queen. She is attending the University of Illinois Springfield. Alayna is 16 and is going to be a junior at Brown County Highschool. She is a dancer at AADM