

Early Education Curriculum

Happy June! Below, please find the curriculum planned for the month.

BPK/Preschool

Bruins and Patriots: Growing & Changing

This unit celebrates children's growth and encourages them to observe and wonder about other living things as they grow and change. They'll plant seeds as well as observe caterpillars as they transform into butterflies, documenting their observations. Key questions include: How does a seed become a plant? How does a baby become an adult? What observable changes do we notice?

Big Ideas:

- Plants are part of the community.
- Like animals, plants have specialized parts that help them meet their needs (water, food, air, sunlight).
- Living things depend on each other and their local environment.
- All living things grow and change over time. Living things need to grow and be healthy.
- We have already grown, we will keep them growing, and we each grow in our own way.

Maple, Celtics, and Red Sox: Unit 5 – Growing & Changing

In this unit children will learn about how humans, plants, and animals grow and change. They will plant seeds, learn about the life cycle of the butterfly, and create a pretend flower shop this month.

Big Ideas:

- Animals (including humans) and plants are living things.
- All living things need food, water, and proper conditions to grow and be healthy.
- All living things grow and change over time.
- We have already grown, we will keep growing, and we each grow in our own way.
- We can care for ourselves, and other living things.

Toddlers

Exploration Unit: Nature All Around Us

Children will explore different aspects of nature. They will go on neighborhood walks, make nature paintings, observe living beings around us, and taste fruits, vegetables and herbs.

Big Ideas:

- How can we explore the natural world with curiosity and respect?
- What are the different forms water can take?
- What are the properties of water?
- What animals, plants, and natural materials can we find where we live?
- What does nature sound, smell, and feel like?



Infants

Our youngest scholars are growing and learning so much. You will be receiving your child's individual curriculum so you can try the activities they are doing in the classroom at home. Our older infants will begin the new exploration, "On The Move." Please check in with your child's teachers if you have any questions.

Infant Reminders:

- All children must have something on their feet at all times. Please make sure your baby has socks, booties, or shoes to wear in the classroom.
- Please make sure your child has a daily, labeled supply of sippy cups or bottles for every feeding. These will be sent home every day for cleaning.

Social Emotional Development

Throughout the year, all Ellis children will learn to identify their emotions and express their feelings.

Classroom Requests

- Please send photos of your child's family and friends so we can display them in the classroom.
- Pack a few extra sets of clothing for your child to keep at school and shoes for outdoor play.
- When you drop off your child, please help them wash their hands as soon as you enter the classroom.
- Please plan to arrive by 9:15 AM so your child has time to adjust to the classroom routine.
- Please remember to fold your stroller and neatly place it in the buggy parking area.
- A friendly reminder to all families: please help us ensure that the green bracelets remain in the classroom with the teachers at all times. These bracelets are an important classroom tool, and keeping them in the classroom helps us stay organized and prepared throughout the day.

Dates to Remember

June 3rd- Ellis JP Springtime Popsicles and Bubble Guy in the Playground 4-5PM

June 5th- Ellis Closed for Professional Development Day

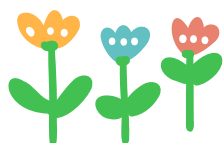
June 10th- Ellis South End Springtime Popsicles and Bubble Guy in the Playground 4-5PM

June 18th- Lemonade Stand in Honor of Father's Day 4-5PM

June 19th- Ellis Closed for Juneteenth

June 25th- Ellis-JP Maple Graduation, 10-11AM

June 26th- Ellis- South End Graduation, 10-11AM



Congratulations to our Class of 2026!

K1 (Bruins and Patriots)

Thomas Ryder

Apollo Jordan-Figuero

Jumily Secius

Paul Griffin

Leon Guity-Ortiz

Afrina Sissay Gidey

Samani Lewis-Ortiz

Mohamed Bah

Dyor Hill

Yara Burts

Zaane Vil

Charlotte Toth

Sophie Curtain

Zaid Murat

Nevada Pires

Joeliana Warren

Samani Lewis- Ortiz

Onxy Menardy

Alaia Patel

Gianalis Figueroa

Raylea Edgecomb

Aliza Bray

JP K0 (Maple)

Olivia Baez

Zion Young

Mecca Whitney

Matthew Mejia

Trinity Edwards

Ava Reeder

Kylie Myer

Calvin Philips

Abraham Edmundson

Scarlett Sanchez

Kitson Wheeler

Charlie Leonard

Lyla Landsberg

Naykeilly Santos-Rosa

Adela Hiddekel Diaz Nina



As we wrap up the current school year and begin planning for the summer and upcoming school year, we would like to remind families that Ellis requires one month's written notice if your child will be leaving the program.

Please submit your notice in writing to your Center Director and copy Claire to ensure we can plan accordingly and support a smooth transition.

June Celebrations

Birthdays:

Axel 6/1	Flynn 6/14
Lazaro 6/1	Samani 6/14
Mecca 6/2	Yermariyam 6/19
Yionel 6/4	Eli 6/17
Nayla 6/5	Zaiden 6/19
Zander 6/5	Juliet 6/21
Nova 6/6	Jean 6/22
Eliana 6/9	Selome 6/22
Elliot 6/12	Noa S 6/24
Hermela 6/12	Parker 6/25
Zaane 6/13	Zaid 6/25
Charlotte 6/14	Liam 6/26
	Nevada 6/26

Birthdays at Ellis: Policy Reminder

With a focus on equity and accessibility, we do not permit outside food to be served at Ellis. Birthdays will be celebrated with joy and merriment!

To celebrate your child's birthday, they will receive a canvas to paint or draw on, either at home or at school. Their artwork will then be displayed on the classroom Birthday Board.

June Menu
June Vegan/Vegetarian/Allergen Menu

Family Resources

Positive Behavior Support (PBS)

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What Is Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and Why Should I Care?

All behavior is communication — even tantrums! PBS is a way of interacting with children that helps us see what they're trying to say, without judgment. By doing this, we can turn every challenging moment into an opportunity to help children learn, explore, trust, and love.

Parenting is joyful for most people (91% in a large, diverse sample!) but it also comes with many questions. PBS, Responsive Caregiving, and Positive Parenting offer practical guidance to help along the way. Throughout the year, our family newsletter will highlight the nine key elements of Positive Parenting, with examples and tips you can use at home.

Learn More:

- Watch this 5-minute video from Zero to Three: <https://vimeo.com/136542836>
 - Read the full article: <https://www.zerotothree.org/resource/nine-elements-that-power-positive-parenting/>
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Notice and celebrate your child's strengths, abilities, and capacity to learn and develop.

Take a moment to notice who your child really is — and celebrate it! Maybe they love exploring, or maybe they stick close to familiar faces. Some qualities are easy to cheer for, such as curiosity or kindness. Others might feel trickier, but there's always something positive to notice.

Quick Ideas:

- Bosses other kids? Celebrate their leadership.
- Cries a lot? Celebrate that they express their feelings.
- Touches everything? Celebrate their curiosity.

Learn More:

Check out this free, 30-minute webinar from Conscious Discipline:

<https://consciousdiscipline.com/e-learning/webinars/tools-for-your-parenting-tool-box/>