
The Spotted Zebra Learning Center



December 2023



Reminders

- ❖ Closing early for staff training **December 8th @ 1:30**
- ❖ Center closed for Break **December 25th- January 1st**



What is Happening in the Classrooms...



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

Welcome Winter! It's hard to believe that the holiday season is already upon us. We had a very thankful November in the Violet Room, filled with themes of friendship and festive fun. Friends in the violet room have begun to show more independence through the responsibility of daily jobs, and continue to practice social skills such as sharing and turn-taking.

The month of December will be an exciting one! We will be focusing on themes such as Winter Clothing, The Five Senses, and Holidays. The week before holiday break we will wrap up our holiday theme by holding some classroom festivities. We will send out more information as festivities draw near. As a reminder, it is growing colder outside, and we will be going out (weather permitting) if it is above 32 degrees. Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing (Hats, gloves, scarves, boots) and spare warm clothing. We ask that you **please label** your child's clothing to minimize lost items and mix-ups.

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Colden (19th) and Taylor Swift (13th) The Spotted Zebra Learning Center will be closed for the holidays from December 23rd through January 1st.

Lastly, we hope everyone has a wonderfully warm and safe holiday season.

Ms. Brittany, Ms. Terry, Ms. Laura, Ms. Lauren, Ms. Allison, Ms. Sue, and Ms. Carla



Blue Room News

It's hard to believe it is already December! The Blue Room had a very busy and fun-filled November. We began the month learning about Veteran's Day, The American Flag, and Different Branches of the Military. We moved quickly to Food Groups, Healthy vs. Non-Healthy Foods, Turkey's, and Thanksgiving. We ended the month learning about Winter and will continue into the first couple days of December.

The December themes will be Hot Chocolate, Holidays Around the World, St. Nicholas Day, St. Lucia, Las Posadas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, and Christmas. We will Wrap up our holidays around the world with Little Christmas and La Befana when we return from Holiday Break. Our Dramatic Play area is a Hot Chocolate Shop and Bakery.

Please send in warm clothes (snow pants, boots, hats, gloves). We will go outside when the temperature is above 32 degrees. The class loves playing on the playground, and it is a great opportunity for some fresh air!

December Birthdays!!

Brodie 12/11

Prue 12/14

Ms. Katina 12/20

Happy Holidays,

**Ms. Katina, Ms. Maria, Ms. Paige, Ms. Caitlin,
Ms. Rachael, and Ms. Sue**



Bizzy Beez News

We had a thankful November and cannot wait for December! We are wishing everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

We have an exciting month planned. We will continue our fairy tale theme by exploring the different versions of the gingerbread man. Our littles will explore Holidays around the World, and also find out how their friends celebrate the holidays with our home/school connection project. We will wrap up the last week with some very fun holiday activities. Our friends will decorate festive treats, watch a holiday movie and explore holiday sensory bins! More details to follow.

We want to wish Peyton and Teresa a very Happy Birthday this month!!

**Ms. Carrie, Ms. Tami, Ms. Hope, Ms.
Christiana, Ms. Marlis, Ms. Megan, and Ms.
Rachel**



Green Room News

Where has the time gone!?! We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday! Closing out the month of November we will be talking all about friendship and, what it means to be a kind friend. We are looking forward to December and teaching the children about the spirit of giving, holiday traditions, and the New Year. To start the month, we will be learning all about winter and winter clothing. We will talk about what we need to wear when it is cold outside. We will also be talking about. Other themes this month will be learning about the tricky Gingerbread man and, holidays that are celebrated around the world. Our handwriting curriculum has been a big hit! Your kiddos have enjoyed learning about each letter and thinking about different words that start with it. Sorting letters and, practicing how to write them.

We have many fun activities planned for this month! We will be making gingerbread trees using sugar cones with the children. A sign up for peanut/tree nut free candy decoration will go out via email when we get closer to the week. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Winter is in full swing! Please send in warm clothes (snow pants, boots, hats, gloves). We will go outside when the temperature is above 32 degrees. Please make sure everything is labeled with your child's name. The class loves playing on the playground, and it is a great opportunity for some fresh air!

We would like to wish Skylar a very happy birthday!

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Ms. Elle, Mr. David, Ms. Kendall, Ms. Kaylyn, Ms. Carla, and Ms. Sue,



Orange Room News

Time flies! How can it be December already!?! We hope that everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving, and had special times with their loved ones!

December themes will be holidays around the world (specifically Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa), as well as learning about giving, as well as needs versus wants. Thank you for sharing about your traditions. We will use them throughout December to highlight similarities and differences, and make connections, between our families and the books we read.

Letter learning and meaning making lessons using the letters Gg, Ll, and Oo will be the focus for our Learning Without Tears (LWT) curriculum. Solving problems, understanding feelings, and sequencing story events are also a big part of the LWT curriculum. We have now introduced 14 "popcorn words" – the, and, can, you, see, yes, no, are, look, have, here, is, at, and do. The children love finding them everywhere!

Using our iReady Math Curriculum and other supportive tools, the children will work on counting and comparing number quantities within 10, then using attributes to sort and compare objects within 10. This will lead us into ways to make 10 (quantity combinations that add to 10). Graphing, patterning, and counting will continue to be practiced daily.

We are impressed with how much engagement the children show in our learning activities. In particular, they enjoy the morning activities that allow them to access sensory, procedural, and social learning. Please arrive as close to 9 as possible so that all have ample time to get settled into the day.

Happy Birthday to Ethan, Ms. Sunita and her baby – Suranyaa, and Ms. Carol this month! We wish everyone a happy holiday season!

Ms. Carol, Ms. Megan, Ms. Sunita, Ms. Chris, Ms. Kaylyn, Ms. Caitlin, Ms. Tonya, and Ms. Sue