



The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

February 2024



February 19th President's Day

-Center **Closed**

February 20-23rd Non-program week

-**No SpEd** services.



What is Happening in the Classrooms...



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

We can't believe how fast January has flown by! During the month of January, violet room friends had a blast learning all about polar animals, hibernation, and winter weather! We also spent a lot of time diving into the stories of Jan Brett, particularly *The Mitten*, as we explored related themes. Our friends have enjoyed having responsibility in the classroom through the role of a job, and building their self-help and teamwork skills through group projects.

For the month of February, we will be exploring themes such as Dental Health, Valentine's Day, Feelings, and Friendship & Kindness. We will be sending home information about Valentine's Day festivities separately.

If you have not already, please send in spare clothing for your child that is weather appropriate. Please remember to label your child's gloves, hats, etc. to avoid mix-ups. As usual, outside play is dependent on weather conditions.

We will be closed February 19th for President's Day, and Non-Program week is February 20th-23rd.

Lastly, we'd like to wish a **Happy Birthday to Harrison (5th), and Greyson & Liam (27th)!**

Ms. Brittany, Ms. Terry, Ms. Laura, Ms. Lauren, Ms. Allison, Ms. Shawna, Ms. Sue, & Ms. Carla



Blue Room News

January was a very busy month in the Blue Room. Themes we explored in January centered around the winter season. We ended the month with Arctic animals and animals that hibernate or migrate in the winter.

In February we will finish up with Hibernation/Migration, Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day with a theme revolving around love, hearts, and friendship. We will end February with Snowmen. Dramatic play will be Candy Shop themed.

Wednesday February 14th we will have our Valentine's Day Party. A list of students will be sent home along with what item to send in for our party.

We do our best to go out daily. Outside play all depends on the temperature.

We are closed for Presidents Day 2/19/2023, non-program week (No Special Education Services) is 2/19/2023-2/23/2023.

Letters for the Month are K, L, U and V.

February Birthdays
Grant 02/16
George 02/26

Thank You,

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



Bizzy Beez News

We blew through January and can hardly believe it is over! As we approach February we start to look forward to the thought of warmer days ahead! Will the ground hog see his shadow? Only time will tell!! Fingers crossed for an early Spring! Our littles will learn all about dental health to help bring awareness of how to care of your teeth properly during Dental Health week. We will have a visit from a local dentist.

Love is in the air for our week long Valentine's celebration; Reminder to be working on your valentine mailbox with your families. We will be distributing them on Valentine's Day!

We will pause for our February break (Feb. 19th-23rd) and come back in and dig into dinosaurs.

**Happy Birthday to Liam, Nicholas, James C.,
Alexis and Jacob S.!**

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



Green Room News

The Green Room has settled into the New Year and the classroom is in full swing with friends learning and playing. It's hard to believe January is almost over, and February will be here before we know it! We will finish up January with our arctic animals and exploring where they live and how they survive in the cold. Our February themes will be all about Valentines, dinosaurs, and Dr. Seuss.

Lots of fun will be had for Valentine's Day! We will be having an ice cream social followed by fun Valentine's Day themed games. More details will be coming soon. A list of student's names will be going home soon to help friends with Valentine's Day cards. We will finish the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with an author study. So much fun to be had!!

Our Handwriting without tears writing programs continues to be very successful with our friends learning the alphabet and developing phonemic awareness. Our February letters will be Q, S and, G.

Our Dr. Seuss theme is a perfect week for rhyming words and word families. As always, we talk about pointing to the words while we read and using the pictures to help tell a story. In science we will learn about shadows (Happy Ground Hog's Day, Feb. 2nd). In math we will reinforce patterning skills and counting during calendar and have fun with the heart shapes and matching shapes.

Keep your fingers crossed for some warm weather days so we can go out and enjoy some fresh air!

Hope everyone has a fantastic February!

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



Orange Room News

Can you believe that it is almost the 100th day of school?! We have loved counting the days of school, which has helped us practice how to count to 100 by 1s, 10s, and 5s. We are now counting the last group of 10 with our crayon boxes! We will brainstorm some ideas to celebrate, which will include what we will do, eat, and wear. Be on the lookout in your child's mail folder for the details to prepare for the 100th Day of School Project and how and when we will celebrate.

February brings the following topics to embed into our academic curricula – Groundhog's Day (seasons, weather, shadows), Lunar New Year, Black History Month (culture, leadership, innovation), Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day (leadership, coins, monuments, goals), and Dental Health. Please, always let us know if you would also like to visit to teach us more about a given topic, and we will make it happen! Also, look out for notices about home-school connection projects.

In math, we will continue practicing making 10 and then move on to making 6, 7, 8, & 9. Once we complete this learning objective, we will continue on to learn about 2-D and 3-D shapes, then showing and writing teen numbers is next.

Letters Ff, Bb, and Cc come next in the Learning Without Tears curriculum. With each new letter, the children enjoy meeting new characters and exploring their feelings, learning about letter sounds and shapes, thinking about problems and their solutions, and telling the story in order using the setting and other key details.

This month, **we would like to wish Corina a Happy Birthday** on February 1st!

Have a great February everyone!

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