



The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

March 2024



Reminder:

Center Closed Friday, March 29th
for Good Friday.



What is Happening in the Classrooms...



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

We had such a blast in the month of February! February is national dental health month so we learned a lot about how important it is to take care of our teeth. We made a mouth craft and we got to make dirty teeth and then use a tooth brush to clean them. We talked about friendships and kindness for Valentine's Day and celebrated the day with a party. The kids were so excited to pass out their Valentine's to their friends and teachers! We wrapped up the month with a non-program week learning about shapes, playing with sensory bins, and having dance parties.

For the month of March, we will dive into learning about St. Patrick's Day and focusing on the clover shape. We will also explore the topics of farm animals, community helpers, transportation and vehicles.

As the days are hopefully going to start warming up, we plan to get the kids outside more often. If you have not done so already, please send in spare clothing for your child that is weather appropriate. Please remember to label your child's coat, hat, mittens, etc. to avoid mix-ups.

Lastly, this month we want to wish a very happy birthday to
Maxwell and Jackson!

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



Blue Room News

February was an exciting month in the Blue Room! We started out the month with Hibernation learning about Groundhog's Day. We also spent time around Valentine's Day talking about how to show our family and friends that we love them! Over Winter Break we practiced our numbers, letters, and our letter sounds. We also introduced Nursery Rhymes.

In March, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading his books, doing crafts, math activities, and, learning about a school library in our dramatic play area. We will continue March with St. Patrick's Day, Community Helper's, with a visit from the Albany County Sheriffs K-9 Unit. We will end March, learning about Spring. We will graph Lions and Lambs for the month of March weather. We will be incorporating sequencing, sorting, and patterns into these lessons. While learning about these topics we will continue to work on letter recognition, counting with 1-1 correspondence and writing our names.

Please be sure that your child is wearing or bringing sneakers to school. As the weather gets warmer, we will be taking walks and going outside on the playground more. Also, please check that all items are labeled, especially shoes and jackets. This ensures that items to not get mixed up and makes the process of getting outside much faster! Bring on Spring!!!

Your Blue Room Teachers

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



Bizzy Beez News

We are excited that Spring is on its way!!! We will take a close look at community helpers and how they help us every day. We will also have some community helper visitors to the classroom to talk to us about what they do in the community!

The luck of the Irish is right around the corner and with any luck that pesky leprechaun might visit our classroom. We will have fun with colors of the rainbow and other fun St. Patrick's Day activities/crafts. We would love it if everyone would wear a different color of the rainbow that week. A note will go home letting everyone know the schedule. More details to follow.

Bizzy Beez will explore Spring as well as the weather and conduct some weather experiments. Do you have what it takes to be a meteorologist?

We want to wish Declan, Ms. Hope and Ms. Marlis a very Happy Birthday!!

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



Green Room News

February was such a fun filled month full of love, friendship and learning about hibernation. As much fun as February was, we are eager to say goodbye to February and get ready for March and Springtime!!

We had so much fun with our Valentine's Day celebration; your children did great with passing out their valentines! We will start the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will celebrate his birthday by reading his books and doing crafts also, Wacky Wednesday!! This is a perfect theme for a week of rhyming words and word families. Our second theme is all about eating healthy and dental health.

St. Patrick's Day is always a fun holiday in the green room; we will be on the lookout for that pesky leprechaun. There will be gold glitter in the air and leprechaun traps will be built. Maybe if we catch him, he will share his gold with us! To wrap up our month we will be talking all things weather and Spring as we welcome the new season!

We hope everyone has a marvelous March!

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



Orange Room News

The Orange Room is excited to welcome March with the anticipation of longer days, Leprechaun visits, and the beginning of spring (hopefully)! Overarching themes in March will include exploring fairy tales, St. Patrick's Day, Me on the Map, weather, and spring animals. We hope to have a friend of Ms. Chris' visit to teach us even more about animals and their habitats.

In our Learning Without Tears curriculum, we will read the letter books Kk, Jj, Ww, and Ee, and talk about each letter as a beginning sound. With these books we can explore understanding characters and their feelings, identifying main characters and settings, as well as being kind and helpful. New popcorn words this month will be: to, will, get, what, when, who, where, there, he, she.

We continuously work on letters and their sounds, initial letters of words, rhyming, using syllabication, and tuning into beginning middle and ending sounds in words. In terms of comprehension, we will also continue to listen for important information, sequence/retell stories, identify problems and solutions, and make predictions. We will introduce learning to read and spell our last names as well this month.

For math we will move on to explore shapes by describing and naming flat vs. solid shapes; shape and position; and comparing shapes based on attributes such as number of sides, curves, and vertices. Our geometry unit will also include learning to build shapes and make pictures with them as well.

Our units on maps and weather will inspire us to do some cloud watching, experimenting with wind, and give us opportunities to walk the neighborhood near school to look for signs of spring.

Orange Room will have its Picture Day is on March 27th; please look out for more information!

This month we will celebrate the birthdays of Kyan (Kai) and Ms. Chris!

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