



The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

November 2023



Reminders

- ❖ Center closed **November 10th** in observance of Veteran's Day.
- ❖ Center closed **November 23-24** for Thanksgiving break



What is Happening in the Classrooms...



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

October was a very fun and festive month in the Violet Room! Our friends very much enjoyed a visit from therapy dog Faith, a special author visit from Elise Shaver, and all of our Halloween Festivities!

During the month of November, we will be focusing on themes such as harvest season, fruits & vegetables, Thanksgiving, and nocturnal animals. As we progress further into November, we will keep progressing with shapes and numbers, introducing seasonal shapes and larger numbers as we incorporate more into our calendar routine. Children are also beginning to display more independence with simple classroom tasks such as getting dressed for the playground and cleaning up after themselves.

As a reminder, cold weather has crept into the season already, please send your child in with weather appropriate, labeled clothing, as we will be going outside when it is safe to do so.

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



Blue Room News

The month of October seemed to fly by in the Blue Room! We have been very busy and working hard on routines, friendship, and self-help skills. The children enjoyed learning about the pumpkins, playing in our pumpkin patch dramatic play, and answering our question of the day. We also celebrated Halloween, went Trick-or-Treating office to office within Spotted Zebra.

In the month of November, we will be learning about Veteran's Day, Food, and Turkeys. We will also focus on number skills/quantity concepts, prewriting, speaking/listening, and story sequencing. Thanksgiving and family will close out the month of November. We will be talking about the holiday, and what we are thankful for.

As the weather gets chilly, please send in warm coats, hats, mittens, long pants, and long sleeve shirts. Also, as long as it's above 32 degrees we will go outside.
Happy Birthday to:

Zoe 11/09

Lukas 11/14

Jack 11/23

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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



Bizzy Beez News

In November we will explore classic themes such as storytelling using classic fairy tales such as the 3 little pigs, goldilocks & the 3 bears, the 3 Billy goats gruff and the gingerbread man. These stories have been retold over and over giving us lots of different versions to explore and allow for repetition and revisiting the same story in various ways.

We will also find out what we are thankful for and head into Thanksgiving break.

Hard to believe how fast this year is flying by!

We want to wish Aubrey and Lorenzo and very happy birthday!!

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



Green Room News

Hello Green Room Families! It is hard to believe that it is already November! We are "Falling for Fall" in the Green Room this year! Green Room students have been delighted with all the changes that fall brings! We were scientists making observations as the vibrant leaves changed colors. We noted the satisfying crunching sounds they made underfoot, and we laughed with excitement over the squirrels searching all over the park for acorns! We are ready to dig deeper in November! Our first week in November will be all about Halloween! Our November themes will include, a Laura Numeroff author study, farms and harvest, Thanksgiving and friendship. Thanksgiving is always a wonderful time for our students to reflect on the things they are thankful for and the friendships they are making in the classroom. Our Laura Numeroff author study will include books from the beloved If You Give a Mouse series!

We will be starting our letter of the week journals in November, which is supported by the Learning Without Tears curriculum. This will help us draw shapes and "Mat Man", as well as practice many other pre-writing skills.

Just a friendly reminder that as the cold weather approaches, please remember to send in jackets every day and cold weather clothing as we continue to play outside and go for walks, when possible, please make sure everything you send in is labeled clearly. We will be closed on Friday, November 10th for Veteran's Day. We wish you a wonderful November!

Before we close our we would like to wish a very happy birthday to Raegan, Samet and Lyla!

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



Orange Room News

It's hard to believe that it is already November! Time flies when we have fun while learning! We enjoyed our October themes. All were busy counting and graphing the contents of a witch's cauldron, planning and carving Jack-O-Lanterns, doing Halloween math games, learning about pumpkin parts and its life cycle, and enjoying sound words (e.g., eek, boo, scritch-scratch, etc.) during read alouds about Halloween.

As we move further into fall, we will explore what animals do to prepare for winter in our region. The topics of hibernation and migration will be researched, reported, and "published" into a class book as we learn about "making meaning" of what we read. Veteran's Day, Indigenous peoples, thankfulness, and family traditions will also be explored this month.

In our iReady Math curriculum, we will write, show, and decompose/make numbers 6-10 (6 is made of 4 and 2, 3 and 3, etc). Math vocabulary will include count, "and"/add, compare, fewer, less than, more, greater than, equal to, and same. We will continue counting by ones and tens to 100 as we fill more ten frames (crayon boxes) and count the days of school to 100.

We love finding and reading "Popcorn Words" – they are found everywhere! In November, we will also dive deeper into our literacy curriculum - Learning Without Tears. Phonics, letter identification, and writing formation of letters li, Dd, and Hh will be our "letter learning" focus for identification, phonics, and words with a given initial letter. The same letters will help us to develop "meaning making" of texts regarding characters; beginning, middle, and end story sequencing; events; and feelings and problem-solving. We continuously work with syllabication and rhyming.

Happy Birthday to Antonio and Thomas this month!

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

(Teachers and Related Services Providers)