



The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

May 2023



We are asking for donations of perennials that need full sun for our butterfly memory garden.

*We are closed on Memorial Day May 29th *



What is Happening in the Classrooms....



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

The Violet Room is happy to welcome the month of May and season of Spring! As the weather warms up, we will be getting outside more on the playground and for walks. Thank you for sending in the appropriate clothing and footwear!

As we dive into May we are excited to explore the author Eric Carle, reading all the fun stories and looking at his beautiful books! We will be exploring themes such as: Earth Day/Recycling, Flowers, Birds, Insects, and Caterpillars/Butterflies. The Violet Room class will be learning and observing the life cycle of a caterpillar from larva to chrysalis to a butterfly right in our classroom! Once the butterflies are mature enough, we will release them outside. How exciting to see with our very own eyes!

Our Alphabet Book is almost complete! The letters we will focus on this month are: N, V, W, X and Y.

For all our special families, the Violet Room friends will be creating gifts and cards to show and celebrate how much you are appreciated and loved! This will be happening the first week in June (between Mother's Day and Father's Day).

We would like to wish a special Happy Birthday to Delaney, Donovan, Kyler and Kalani!!

Ms. Nicole, Ms. Chris, Ms. Laura, Ms. Lauren, and Ms. Heather



Blue Room News

Happy May! Warm sunny days are finally upon us. The children are overjoyed to be outside on the playground and going for walks. If you haven't already done so, please start applying sun block on your child before they come to school. It helps to alleviate some of the chaos that may occur when going outdoors. Please send in a LABELED bottle of spray-on sun block.

The themes for the month of May are flowers, Insects, caterpillars/butterflies. We will also be observing caterpillars as they go through metamorphosis to become butterflies. Our friends will be making daily observations and charting their progress. To wrap up the month we want to celebrate our families.

Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday June 21, 2023. Graduations will take place from 11:30 – 12:30. (Pizza will follow each ceremony) The rain date will automatically be the following day at 10 AM.

Upcoming Dates to Note for Holiday Closures

- Memorial Day – May 29, 2023
- Juneteenth- June 19, 2023

We would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all our Blue Room moms. Thank you for all that you do!

Ms. Katina, Ms. Danielle, Ms. Sara, Ms. Kaylyn, and Ms. Casey



Bizzy Beez News

We are ready for May flowers! We will investigate what flowers need to grow and the different parts of a flower. Our kiddos will get a chance to dig into the dirt and even do some planting. Then we move to the garden and find out what vegetables you can find there and if they grow above and below the ground. We will leave the garden and discover what animals you can find in a pond and their life cycles. Continuing our theme of animals, we will explore reptiles and their habitats. Bizzy Beez will wrap up the month with an author study. We love Laura Numeroff.

May 26th we will celebrate our families with a family picnic. More details to follow.

We want to wish Elliot, Oliver, Grayson, River, Caylum and Eamon a very happy birthday this month.

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



Green Room News

The Green Room is excited to welcome May and consistently warmer weather! We will be going outside as much as possible! Please send in a labeled water bottle daily, we will be taking them outside with us. Also, if you have not done so, please send in a labeled bottle of sunscreen.

This month we will be finishing up the alphabet in our journals this month and will be moving onto numbers. Your kiddos have been working so hard in their journals, they cannot wait to show you at the end of the year! We are super excited for our May themes –flowers and gardens, all about zoo animals, construction/transportation and to finish off May we will be doing an Eric Carle author study.

Caterpillars will arrive soon, and we will get to observe and record their growth and metamorphosis. Our themes this month will let us explore many topics such as growth and change, what living things need to grow, living vs. nonliving, and more! Many virtual field trips to farms, museums, and gardens will happen, as well as walks outside to explore and observe nature.

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Emma (15th) and Margaret (20th)!

We hope everyone has a marvelous May and a wonderful Mother's Day!

The Green Room Teachers



Orange Room News

May? Already?! It is hard to believe that there are two more months left in this school year! Plans for this year's Graduation Celebration will be underway soon. Ours will be on Friday, June 23rd (more details forthcoming).

April was busy and seemed to fly by quickly. We ended the month with a unit about maps by focusing on the compass rose, as well as "zooming in" on a map from Earth, to the United States, then to NY, and finally to our school in the town of Colonie. Then we began learning our home addresses, and will continue to practice learning our address, as well as phone number throughout the month of May. It has been an exciting topic for our kiddos.

Our caterpillars have arrived and we have already observed their growth and recorded it a few times. We are excited to continue our learning about living versus non-living things and the life cycles of butterflies, frogs, birds, and plants and trees. To expand on these topics, a unit of pollinators and pollination will follow. Then we will continue on to insects, bugs, farms, and gardens.

We continue to plug away on learning math concepts. Addition within 10, finding the missing part of 10, subtraction within 10, and addition and subtraction word problems are the next unit's focus. Of course, we also continue to practice graphing, comparing numbers and groups, using flat and solid shapes, as well as counting up to 100 by 10s and 1s.

Our "Reading Teams" are doing well with practicing previously learned literacy skills independently. The kiddos have learned to read a chart that organizes the tasks of our one hour reading block and are feeling ownership of their learning during this time of day, Monday through Wednesday. Direct reading instruction in small groups is also provided during this time. The kiddos are thriving!

Before we close, we would like to wish the moms in our families a Happy Mother's Day. Look out for information about our upcoming Family Day (typically held somewhere between Mother and Father's Day).

Also, Happy Birthday to Adriano and Alessio this month (5/13)!!

Ms. Carol, Ms. Sunita, Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Brittany, Ms. Danielle, and Ms. Ang