



April News 2019



Violet Room News

Welcome Spring! We have been getting outside for the past few weeks and it has been glorious! The children are enjoying our walks and the novelty of the playground again! During March, we had "Community Workers" come in to share their job experiences and roles with the children. We had a dental hygienist, a builder and police officers with their dog visit us. We will have more visitors from the community throughout the month of April as well! Our themes for the month of April include Community Helpers, Spring, Flowers and Birds. We will be learning about letters "N", "O" and "P." Thanks for doing such an awesome job filling the Alphabet Bag. The children are thrilled when it is their turn to sit in front of the class to talk about the letter of the week.

We have a trip coming up in May to Indian Ladder Farm to see the baby animals. This is always a wonderful trip that the children enjoy. Parents are invited to join us and more information will follow soon. We will be starting important "Classroom Jobs" for the month of April. Our jobs include: Bell Ringer, Line Leader, Weather Helper, Caboose, Lunch Helper, Schedule Helper, Calendar Helper, Fish Feeder and Table Cleaner. The jobs will rotate each day to ensure everyone has a turn.

We have a new friend, Kellan, starting in the Violet Room this month! Welcome Kellan and his family! This month we are celebrating three birthdays. Max, Rosie and Henry will be turning 4! The Violet Room wishes a Happy Birthday to all of you!

~Ms. Chris, Ms. Renee, Ms. Jamie & Ms. Kathy



Blue Room News

Spring has arrived! It has been a snow-filled winter and we are ready for warmer days and spending more time outside. Please remember to send your child in wearing weather appropriate clothing (including sneakers) and check cubbies to make sure they are stocked with spring clothing. March was a very busy month! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday, St. Patrick's Day and learned about many different Community Helpers. We discussed police officers, firefighters, postal workers and restaurant workers. Thank you to Officer Dave (Connor's father), Cat (our nurse), Marissa (dental hygienist), the Albany County K-9 Unit, and Ann Marie from the Colonie library for visiting our classroom! We also transformed our dramatic play area into a pizza shop.

In April we will dive into spring. We will focus on the changes in weather, flowers, and birds. Our dramatic play area will be turned into a flower shop. We will also be exploring a unit on Eric Carle. Happy Birthday this month to Brinley, Addison and Zachary.

~Ms. Jenna, Ms. Erica, Ms. Katina & Ms. Karen



Bizzy Beez Activity Center

Join us as the Bizzy Beez staff takes your child on a **SENSORrational** journey. Some activities include: *The Xtreme Board, The Smart Trainer, The Serenity Room, The Air Walker Swing, and much more!*

Saturdays 9:00am - 10:30am
\$5 per child

IMPORTANT ZEBRA DATES

Spring Recess: April 22-26, No Sp. Education Program

Spring Book Fair: April 29 – May 4





Green Room News

Now that April is here, we are hoping to see more of the sun and less of the snow! April showers bring May flowers. This month we have one birthday celebration: Cooper (11th). Happy Birthday!

We had a long and fun March learning about community helpers. The children had so much fun with our special guests – a Baker/Chef, Dentist, Librarian, Contractor, and Sheriffs with a K-9 dog. Our dramatic play areas have been a hit as they were turned into a construction site, doctor's office, and a veterinarian's office across the span of this month.

April themes will be signs of spring, weather and Earth Day. We are looking forward to seeing robins, tulips, bunnies, and no more snow; we will use our observation and recording skills to watch spring begin. As it gets closer to Earth Day, we will be asking for clean recycling items with which to build and sort.

April Handwriting Without Tears letters will be M, N, and X. We are so excited that we will have only four more letters to go after that – Y and Z.

Think spring!

~Ms. Carrie, Ms. Carol, Ms. Elle and Ms. Kathy



Orange Room News

During the month of March we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and studied him as our Author of the Month. The children enjoyed reading many of his books including *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Fox in Socks*. To tie in with Dr Seuss we focused heavily on rhyming in our literacy program. We also practiced sound spelling with a focus on vowel sounds. In our Go Math program we wrapped up addition and began working with simple subtraction. We used manipulatives and illustrations to represent and solve subtraction stories and wrote out corresponding subtraction sentences to creating parts of a whole. Finally, in our social studies curriculum we began learning about maps and where we fit in, with *Me on the Map* by Joan Sweeney as our inspiration. We practiced learning our addresses and created maps of our homes and neighborhoods.

In April we will celebrate the arrival of spring by focusing on our new author of the month, Eric Carle. We will use his books such as *The Tiny Seed* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to learn about the new life that spring brings as well as study the life cycle and parts of plants. At the end of the month we will be caring for caterpillars and recording the changes we notice in our observation journals as we watch them transform to chrysalises and eventually Painted Lady butterflies. Since Earth Day falls in April we will discuss the three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle, as well as other ways we can take care of our Earth. In our Go Math program we will continue to practice with subtraction and review addition. We look forward to welcoming the beautiful spring weather. We would also like to wish Isla, Leah and Cole a very happy birthday!

~Ms. Terry, Ms. Sbardella, Ms. Lucia and Ms. Jess



Speckled Zebra News

Our friends had such a fun March! We celebrated St. Patrick's Day and learned about zoo animals while practicing cooperative play skills. As we move forward into April, we will be exploring rain, rainbows and Spring. We are so excited for the warmer weather coming! As the weather begins to allow us to get outside more please be sure to send your child in with a jacket and sneakers. Thank you!

~Ms. Kathryn, Nana Karen & Mr. Jason

The Book Fair is here!

Please join us for our Spring Book Fair
which runs April 29-May 4.

