

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

APRIL 2021



Important Upcoming Zebra Dates/Notes:

- ✓ April 5-April 9, 2021 – No special education programming this week.
- ✓ April 20th and April 21st – SMILE! Its Picture Day!!!

What is Happening in the Classrooms....



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

We would like to officially welcome Henry and Jacob to the Violet Room!! The Violet Room friends have been so kind and welcoming to our new classmates. The Violet Room friends loved exploring Dr. Seuss, colors, the GIANT mess our silly leprechaun left us, and learning about the wind, kites and diamonds. We are so excited to explore the many wonderful themes that will be happening in April. The themes for the month of April include: Ovals & Eggs, Community Helpers, and Spring! Please send in your community helper videos. Thank you so much for being a part of our lessons! We will be learning about letters "G", "S", & "J". Also, beginning in April morning sign in will now include tracing our names!

Thank you to all the parents who sent in classroom supplies. We appreciate you more than you know! As the warm weather is finally approaching, please send in spare shorts, short sleeve shirts, socks, underwear, and sunblock for your child. In addition, on hot days please apply sunblock to your child in the morning before school.

We would like to wish a special "Happy Birthday" to Jacob!

Ms. Laura, Ms. Chris, Ms. Katina, and 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. If the weather cooperates we will be going on walks and will spend time on playground daily. Please remember to send your child in wearing weather appropriate clothing (including sneakers). We will start sending home winter gear and checking 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, and restaurant workers. We also transformed our dramatic play area into a restaurant which the children loved!

In April we will dive into spring. We will focus on the changes in weather, flowers, and birds. Our next dramatic play area will be taking care of babies. We will also be exploring a unit on Eric Carle with a focus on "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". Happy Birthday this month to Joseph and Miss Erica.

-Ms. Erica, Ms. Jenna, Ms. Dominique, Ms. Lauren and Ms. Karen

Remember to send in sunscreen (please label) for your child!!



Bizzy Beez News

Happy Spring!

This month seem to fly right by! We had so much fun learning about colors and rainbows. And although we didn't catch any leprechauns, we loved seeing the awesome traps you guys made. You were all so creative!

In April we will be talking lots about Spring and the changes that happen during this season. The rain that comes and how important it is to help wake up the Earth and grow green grass and colorful flowers. We will talk about Easter and have an egg hunt. And we will end the month talking about farms and the baby animals that are born in the Spring.

Just a reminder that Bizzy Beez is closed April 5th-9th. As always, please reach out if you have any questions. We can't wait for the warmer weather to come!

~ Mr. Jason, Ms. Christina, Ms. Taryn, Ms. Laura and Ms. Megan

Remember that you must complete the daily health survey for your child before they can come to Spotted Zebra. The link is now located on our website at www.spottedzebra.org!!

Orange Room News

We started off the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and doing a mini author study together. 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 and word families in our literacy program.

In our Go Math program we moved from addition to subtraction and practiced crossing out pictures to solve equations. Finally, in our social studies curriculum we began learning about maps and where we fit in. We practiced learning our phone numbers and addresses and created maps of our homes and neighborhoods.

In April we will celebrate the arrival of spring with some special books by Eric Carle and Lois Ehlert. We are excited to learn about the new life that spring brings as well as to 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 addition and subtraction, while also focusing on measurement and 3d shapes.

We look forward to welcoming the beautiful spring weather!

Ms. Terry, Ms. Sbardella, Ms. Casey and
Mr. Jason



Green Room News

Spring is in bloom and the Green Room has been taking long walks to look for its signs! We have very much enjoyed getting outside as often as possible since the weather has been so mild! On our last walk we saw a community helper in action - a police officer was patrolling The Crossings in his car. He stopped so we could wave to him, look at the car, and see him flash his lights for us! We will end our community helper unit with learning about dentists and dental health.

As we move on to April, we will explore the subject of weather and continue looking for signs of spring; learn how to be an "Earth Helper" and have an Earth Day party; and, learn about farming and farm animals. We will finish our letter of the week curricula with the letters M and N and then review the whole alphabet by making our own alphabet books.

During circle/story time we continue to practice taking talking and listening turns. Everyone is doing well given various cues ("raise a quiet hand"; "listen to ___ for his/her talking turn"; "it's my turn to talk and your turn to listen", etc). We also continue to work on patterning, counting, and identifying the month of the year and the day of the week, as well as the weather, to determine where we will have gross motor play. All are doing well with reading the circle time report sentences with a "loud and proud voice". Tracking print, reading from left to right, and reading high frequency words is also practiced during the daily report.

We are looking forward to the science projects and math activities that can be integrated into this month's themes. We will also watch the weather to see when we can have outside playtime on a rainy day so that we can look for worms, jump in puddles, and play in mud. Stay tuned!

There are no April birthdays to celebrate. We are happy to have Earth Day to celebrate though! We hope everyone is enjoying spring so far!

Ms. Carol, Ms. Elle, Ms. Eliza and Ms. Liz

Spotted Zebra & Bizzy Beez
SPRING PICTURE DAYS
Spotted Zebra: April 20-21, 2021
Bizzy Beez: April 21, 2021



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- A Photo Info Sheet will go home with your student on Picture Day.
- It contains your child's unique access code & how to order online.
(Did your student misplace this sheet? Contact us!)
- Use your unique code to see and order portraits.
- Orders are delivered directly to school within 3-4 weeks.
(Faster shipping to your home is available for a small shipping charge.)

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