

# The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

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## What is Happening in the Classrooms....



### VIOLET ROOM NEWS

Ahoy, Violet Room Families! Our Violet Room Mateys loved closing out July with our Pirate Theme. They enjoyed going for a Treasure Hunt and Walking the Plank!

In August, we are excited to explore Dinosaurs, Carnival, and Jungle Animals. We will continue practicing following the classroom routine, number and letter concepts, being a kind friend, and much more!

As the Summer Program is wrapping up, we would like to wish the very best to our Violet Room friends as they transition to new classrooms this Fall. We are so excited to see you continue to blossom. Each of you hold a special place in our hearts. We will begin to discuss where each student will be going with visuals, count downs, and visits to their new rooms to ensure a smooth transition!

Please remember to apply sun block on your child(ren) before they arrive to school. The teachers in the Violet Room would like to thank you all for a wonderful Summer Program and we have truly enjoyed getting to know each of you and your children!

We would like to wish a very special happy birthday to Aaron!

Ms. Laura, Ms. Chris, Ms. Katina, and Ms. Kathy



## Blue Room News

The summer is in full swing in the Blue Room. July was a very busy and fun-filled month. We welcomed Oliver, Layla, Katie, Dougie, Kiaan and Roswyn into the blue room. We spent a lot of time in the sprinklers, going for walks and on the playground. We also learned about ocean animals and sharks. Our favorite book was "There's A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea".

We ended the month with a two-week unit on the "Solar System". The children had a blast learning facts about the planets, the sun, constellations, meteors and more! A special thanks to Robert who was able to share his knowledge of the planets with the class.

In August we will explore camping. We will make S'mores and turn our dramatic play area into a campground. Then we will dive into the summer Olympics! We'll end the month with a fun carnival theme.

Happy Birthday this month to Katie, Dougie and Estelle! Best wishes to our friends who will be moving on to the Green Room, Orange Room and Kindergarten in September. It has been wonderful working with the Blue Room children and families.

Finally thank you to all of the Blue Room families for your support throughout the year. It has truly been a pleasure working with all of you.

Ms. Erica, Ms. Jenna, Ms. Lauren  
& Ms. Karen



## Bizzy Beez News

It's hard to believe that our summer program only has a couple weeks left! Our last day of summer program is August 13th and we will be spending one of those weeks having fun with different styles of art. We will explore painting, drawing and other methods to create artwork. We will read some interactive books that involve art and create some group art projects. Our last week we will celebrate all the fun we had together this summer with a carnival.

~ Ms. Carrie, Ms. Christina, Ms. Ang, Ms. Laura and Ms. Megan

### Upcoming Dates to Note.....

- August 30 - September 7<sup>th</sup>  
- Spotted Zebra and Bizzy Beez classrooms are closed
- The new school year starts  
Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>!

## Playing in the Sandbox News



## Green Room News

We are flying through our Superflex and Social Town curriculum here in the Playing in the Sandbox Group! Our "Superheroes in Training" have successfully defeated the Rock Brain, Glass Man and Mean Jean. Rock Brain makes you get stuck on doing only what you want to do and doesn't let you compromise. He will use one solution that doesn't work over and over. Superflex and his flexible brain overcame these Unthinkables using positive self-talk and trying new strategies to be flexible in all situations.

Our tiny superheroes have also mastered the art of "Whole Body Listening" here in the classroom. We have also teamed up with Kool Q. Cumber, Positive Paul (or Paula) and Inventor of Fun in order to defeat our biggest Unthinkables yet. Kool Q. Cumber helps us to keep our cool and use our words to express how we are feeling or if we need extra help from friends or adults to solve problems. Inventor of Fun uses good sportsmanship skills to keep us calm and enjoying game play with our friends. Positive Paul helps us turn negative moments or behaviors into positive actions and statements.

We will channel our Superflex confidence to defeat Brain Eater and Worry Wall this month. We will do a special Show & Tell for all our superheroes this month. We are always looking forward to our wearing our capes, masks and shields during our Superhero Parade, Flexible Brain Gym and Fun Fridays!

We can't wait for our end of program Superhero celebration with a special visit from Superflex himself!

Ms. Liz, Mr. Jason, Ms. Cailyn & Ms. Heather

It's hard to believe that we are almost through summer program. Time flies when you're having fun! The children very much enjoyed turning our classroom into a campsite and a picnic area. Our summer foods unit was a big hit with your kiddos - they got to make lemonade, ice cream and S'mores!

As August begins, we will be exploring the ocean. There has been a huge interest in ocean animals, especially sharks and whales. Following that, we will get to learn about and emulate various artists and their styles.

On Wednesday (8/11) we will be having a Luau to celebrate the end of the school year. More information will be coming.

In addition, to prepare for the upcoming transition, a chart will be created of each friend's school or classroom for next year. Countdown calendars will be created and sent home to help make the change a bit more predictable. Please email Ms. Carol ([carols@spottedzebra.org](mailto:carols@spottedzebra.org)) with your child's school name or classroom color and start date for the 2021-2022 school year no later than August 4th.

Before we close, we would like to wish Coralyn (8/21) a very happy 5th birthday!!

Ms. Carol, Ms. Elle & Ms. Christiana