

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

DECEMBER 2020



Important Upcoming Zebra Dates/Notes:

- ✓ Closed for Christmas Break: December 24 – January 1, 2020. Spotted Zebra reopens on Monday, January 4th.
- ✓ Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 18th

What is Happening in the Classrooms....



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

Greetings! The Violet Room friends are continuing to build and grow relationships with one another! During the month of November, we worked on literacy skills, making friendship soup, play schemes in the grocery store, scarecrows, and much more!

The themes for the month of December are: "Shapes of the Season". We have so many exciting things coming up in December! The Violet Room friends will participate in decorating gingerbread houses on 12/22 and a PJ party and movie day on 12/23! We will take lots of pictures and videos to share with you all on the Google Classroom!

We are so excited to share with you, starting in December we are introducing "Green and Red Choices" in our classroom! This is a positive approach to behavior and a universal support for all students in our classroom to teach expected behaviors! We will follow up with a separate letter and resources you can use at home!

Cold weather is upon us, so please send in warmer coats, hats, mittens, long pants and long sleeve shirts.

We would like to wish a special "Happy Birthday" to Eliza, Theeran, Ms. Laura & Ms. Katina!

We wish you all a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year!

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



Blue Room News

It's hard to believe it is already December! The Blue Room had a very busy and fun-filled November.

We began the month by exploring shapes. We went for lots of walks to the Crossings and looked for shapes in our environment. We also explored different emotions and colors, with a focus on the book "The Color Monster". Thank you for sending your child in wearing the color of each day. We had a lot of fun playing "I Spy" with colors. We also learned about food groups and nutrition. We ended the month with a Thanksgiving and turkey theme. We spent a lot of time discussing what we are thankful for and what makes us happy. The children loved sharing what types of foods they will be eating on Thanksgiving and whom they are thankful for. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

The December themes will be forest animals, Jan Brett books and winter holidays/celebrations. Winter is in full swing! Please send in warm clothes (snow pants, boots, hats, gloves). We will go outside when the temperature is above 32 degrees. The class loves playing on the playground. Their current favorite game outside is "Mr. Fox". Happy Birthday this month to Harrison! Just a reminder that birthday treats should be pre-packaged and peanut/tree nut free.

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



Bizzy Beez News

Where has the time gone? It's December already! We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday. We hope you enjoyed our Thanksgiving concert. Music time with Mrs. Carolyn and circle time songs is one of our favorite times of the day. So, we wanted to give you a little peek at the songs and dances we have been doing!

We are looking forward to a new month and teaching the children about the spirit of giving and holiday traditions. We will learn about all Holidays celebrated all around the world including Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and more. Each day we will talk about a different country's culture and accompany it with a craft. We will also talk a lot about the winter season, snow, and trees.

We hope everyone has a safe and warm holiday season!

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

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

This month we talked a lot about the Thanksgiving holiday and what it means to feel thankful. We learned about the first Thanksgiving and created a paper chain together as well as a story telling bracelet to help us sequence the information. We did a lot of writing and drawing about things that we are grateful for as well. In our math program we worked on matching sets and representing numbers using tally marks and ten frames. We also began comparing sets using "greater than" and "less than." During our morning meetings each day we have enjoyed finding popcorn words and filling in missing initial sounds. We also focused on using upper and lowercase letters appropriately. Finally, we enjoyed a special Charlie Brown Thanksgiving party, where we read the book, watched the movie, made turkey hats and enjoyed a Charlie Brown style snack. Thank you to all our families for contributing to this fun day! We are very thankful for each and every one of you!

December will be a busy month as well and we have a lot to get to! We will begin to learn about winter animals and what they do to prepare for winter (hibernate, migrate or gather food). In our math program we will continue to work with quantity and comparing sets and we will introduce the greater than/less than symbol. In our literacy program we will continue to introduce new popcorn words each week and practice writing using inventive spelling. Finally, we plan to focus on the concept of traditions as we learn about the various December holidays and compare our own family traditions.

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



Green Room News

Where has the time gone? We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday! We are looking forward to December and teaching the children about the spirit of giving, holiday traditions, and the New Year. We will learn all about the December holidays- Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa, as part of our diversity and social studies curricula. We will focus on embedding the following academic concepts into our holiday activities: syllabication (the number of parts in a word), quantity and telling how many, comparing groups of objects and using math words. This month we are continuing with curved letters. We have already learned O, C, and S. We look forward to holiday fun with a special pajama day this month!

We are looking forward to a Zoom caroling session for our classroom parents this month to showcase our holiday songs learned and expanding our ability to memorize songs. Caroling is a Green Room tradition, and although we won't be able to take it on the road this year, we will enjoy the opportunity to share this special holiday tradition with all of you! We will send out more details as we get closer to the date. We hope you can join us!

In addition, we will be making gingerbread houses with the children. A sign up for peanut/tree nut free candy decoration will go out via email in early December. As always, thank you for your continued support! We are excited to welcome back Ms. Carol this month as well! This month we'll be celebrating two birthday's Ryan S (21) and Emilia (31).

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Ms. Liz, Ms. Elle, Ms. Heather & Ms. Carol