



February News 2019



Violet Room News

January flew by and the cold winter is upon us! The Violet Room is ready with fun, new, winter themes! We will begin the month talking about “animals of the Arctic.” The children will be making crafts and learning facts about all of the animals. We are working on sorting animals that live in different habitats (farm, arctic and under the sea). With Valentine’s Day coming our next theme will be Hearts. We will be working on concepts such as small/medium/large; counting with one to one correspondence and matching letters and numbers on hearts. We will be celebrating Valentine’s Day with our friends in our classroom by exchanging valentine cards during morning circle and participating in heart themed activities throughout the day. We will be having a piñata, heart snack and read a story of Valentine’s Day to close out our day of fun! We will close out February learning Nursery Rhymes. We will be doing projects, learning the words and acting out nursery rhymes!

We wanted to thank all of the parents for the creative items in the “alphabet bags” each week. The children are really enjoying when it is their turn to sit in front of the class and show their items from home. Our letters for February will be G, H and I. Carla, our occupational therapist has been making “Mat Man” and “Snowman” during Handwriting Without Tears. The children are enjoying the Mat Man song, singing it as they draw! More information on these activities will follow.

Finally, please be sure to check your child’s cubby or look for notes in their backpacks regarding diapers/pull-ups.

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



Blue Room News

January was a very busy month in the Blue Room. Themes we explored in January revolved around the winter season. Topics included: how we dress in the cold weather, arctic animals and hibernation and migration. In Bizzy Beez we have been playing more structured games such “Duck, Duck Goose” and “Red Light, Green Light”. We are hoping the weather will warm up soon so we can get outside more often. Please check your child’s cubby to be sure there is weather appropriate clothing.

In February we will lead up to Valentine’s Day with a theme revolving around love and friendship. Please watch for a letter with more information related to our Valentine’s Day party, which will take place on February 14th. Parents will be invited to join us at 1pm for a special performance. We will also learn about different community helpers. The dramatic play area will be transformed into a restaurant where the children will have an opportunity to act out different roles (such as cook, waiter and customer). Happy Birthday this month to Ryan!

~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

FEBRUARY 18- SCHOOL CLOSED



FEBRUARY 19~22- Winter Recess
No Special Education Program



Green Room News

The Green Room has settled into the New Year and the classroom is in full swing with friends learning and playing. It's hard to believe that January is over and February is already here. We will continue our snow theme by taking a look at arctic animals and exploring where they live and how they survive the cold.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day followed by a winter break week (February 18th-22nd). We will finish the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with an author study. So much fun to be had!! The Green Room will be hosting a Valentine's Day dance on February 14th @ 11:00 (invitation and details to follow soon). A list of student's names will go home soon to help friends with Valentine's Day cards.

Handwriting Without Tears and Sounds in Motion continues to be very successful with our friends learning the alphabet and developing phonemic awareness. We will be introducing letters with straight lines and large curves and letters with slanted lines in February.

Our Dr. Seuss theme is a perfect week for rhyming words and word families. As always we talk about pointing to the words while we read and using the pictures to help tell a story. In science we will learn about animals, habitats, animal tracks, shadows (Happy Ground Hog's Day, Feb. 2nd) and dental health. In math we will reinforce patterning skills and counting during calendar, and have fun with the heart shapes and matching shapes.

We have 1 birthday to celebrate this month; Happy Birthday to Benicio. We hope everyone has a good month and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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



Orange Room News

We had a very busy month in the Orange Room. We enjoyed learning how various animals prepare for the winter. Our author of the month was another highlight as the children enjoyed finding clues in the intricate detail of Jan Brett's illustrations. They loved reading and comparing The Mitten and The Hat which seemed to be our favorite of her stories. In our Go Math program we began working with simple addition using ten frames and manipulatives. Finally, we spent some time discussing fairness and equality and how Martin Luther King, Jr. helped to change our country for the better.

February will be a fun, yet short month. We are very excited to celebrate our 100th Day on February 15th. We have many 100th day activities planned to share with the children. We will learn about shadows as we celebrate Groundhog's Day and we will have a Valentine's Day exchange together as well. We will continue to work on simple addition and finding ways to make ten in our Go Math program. We will briefly study our presidents, focusing specifically on George Washington and Abe Lincoln. Our Fountas and Pinnell literacy program will continue with each child progressing at their own pace. We will enjoy our new author of the month, Frank Asche, who is known for his "Moonbear" stories. Finally we will spend some time learning about dental hygiene at the end of the month, since February is National Children's Dental Health month. We are excited to wish Aubrey, Brendan and Georgiana a very happy birthday too!

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



Speckled Zebra News

Our friends have loved learning about Winter and Winter Animals in the month of January! As we move into February, we will be doing projects and activities centered around Valentine's Day and Groundhog's Day. As we learn about these topics, we will continue to embed number and letter concepts into our small groups. Please remember to send your child to school with a filled water bottle and wearing sneakers so that they can comfortably run and play.

~Ms. Kathryn, Nana Karen & Mr. Jason

WINTER ADVISORY

With the winter months upon us, please remember to bring snow gear in a canvas storage bag. Also some extra clothing in case they get wet! The children will play outside as long as the temperature is above 32 degrees.

Just a reminder: We follow the South Colonic School District decisions for delays, early dismissals, and closings due to inclement weather. Please check your local listings.