



# February News 2020



## Violet Room News

Welcome February! We had an exciting month in January learning about Bears/Hibernation and the season of winter! In February our themes include Valentine's Day, Nursery Rhymes and Dr. Seuss. On Friday, 2/14 at 12:45 we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party and treats. If your child does not typically attend school on Fridays, he/she is welcome to come in at 12:45 for the party!

Our Nursery Rhyme theme will focus on learning and acting out various nursery rhymes in dramatic play and circle time. We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and make green eggs and ham this month. We will be reading "One Fish, Two Fish", "Green Eggs and Ham", "Wacky Wednesday" and "There's a Wocket in My Pocket."

Happy Birthday to Gabe and Landon who turn 4 in February!

~Ms. Chris, Ms. Renee, Ms. Terry & 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, hibernation and migration and snowmen. 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. We have been able to go for walks at the Crossings which the children enjoy. 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. This month we will also be exploring various shapes such as ovals, diamonds and stars. 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).

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



## Bizzy Beez Sensory Adventure

Join us as the Bizzy Beez staff takes your child on a SENSORrational journey at the brand new Bizzy Beez Sensory Adventure! Open play, Afterschool Enrichment, Private Therapies, Birthday Parties, Workshops and Field Trips are just some of the programs we have to offer. Located at Shoppers Park at 145 Wolf Road.

## IMPORTANT ZEBRA DATES

**FEBRUARY 17- SCHOOL CLOSED**

**FEBRUARY 18~21- Winter Recess**  
No Special Education Program



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## 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 almost over and February is here. We have 1 birthday to celebrate this month. Happy Birthday to Ryan. We will finish up January with our snow theme by looking at arctic animals and exploring where they live and how they survive the cold.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day by hosting a small Valentine's Day dance followed by our favorite special story! 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. We will finish the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with an author study.

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 (D, P, B).

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 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.

Hope everyone has a good month and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

*~Ms. Carrie, Ms. Carol, Ms. Elle and Ms. Liz*



## 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 10th. 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 Abraham 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 Max a very happy birthday too!

*~Ms. Terry, Ms. Sbardella, Ms. Jess and Ms. Kristi*



## Speckled Zebra News

We want to welcome our new friends Eli and Theeran! They are acclimating to our classroom routine quite nicely and both of them LOVE music time. We will be having a Valentine's Day Party on February 14 where we will decorate bags with the kiddos to collect goodies from their friends. Also in the coming weeks, we will begin letter identification and working on dabber pages stamping out the letters.

*~Nana Karen, Ms. Kristi & 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 Colonie School District decisions for delays, early dismissals, and closings due to inclement weather. Please check your local listings.**