

# The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

FEBRUARY 2021



Important Upcoming Zebra Dates/Notes:

- ✓ February 15, 2021 – Closed for Presidents' Day

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



### VIOLET ROOM NEWS

Happy February! The Violet Room friends are building wonderful friendships and building on their cooperative play skills. February in the Violet Room is full of fun; we are introducing classroom jobs, celebrating Valentine's Day, and engaging in exciting themes. The themes for this month are Winter Sports & the letter H, Hearts/ Valentine's Day & the letter T, and Nursery Rhymes & letter "I". Our Valentine's Day party is Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>, we will take lots of pictures to share with you via google classroom!

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

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

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!!](http://www.spottedzebra.org!!)

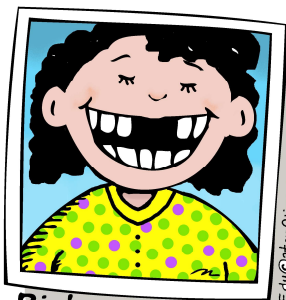


## Blue Room News

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. During our motor time we have been playing more structured games such "Duck, Duck Goose" and "Red Light, Green Light". We also introduced jobs such as the weather helper, light helper, line leader and calendar helper. The children love entering the classroom each morning and checking the job chart. We are hoping the weather will warm up soon so we can get outside more often. Once it is warm enough to play in the snow we will let you know the day before via our Google classroom. This will allow you time to send in the necessary clothing.

In February we will lead up to Valentine's Day with a theme revolving around love, hearts and friendship. Please watch for a letter with more information related to our Valentine's Day party, which will take place on Friday February 12th. This month we will also begin a unit on "Community Helpers" We will learn about different workers such as doctors, dentists, police officers, construction workers and more! Please reach out if you would be interested in participating in a Zoom presentation to teach the class about your job! In past years we have invited parents into the classroom to discuss their jobs but this year we have to be creative.

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



Picture Day!

PICTURE DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20 and April 21, 2021!!!

More details to follow as we get closer!!!



## Bizzy Beez News

Happy February!

This year is moving so quickly already! This past month we worked hard on learning about all things winter... Snow, Snowmen, Arctic Animals. The kids had a ton of fun with our Artic Snow Sensory bins! We also did lots of review of our shapes, colors and counting to 10.

This month we will focus on two themes: Feelings the first part of the month and Dinosaurs at the end of the month. We have lots of fun activities planned. On February 12 we will celebrate Valentine's Day and have a small party in class. Please feel free to send in valentines to share with the class. We will send home a class list for you to use if you chose to take part in this. We will also celebrate Mr. Jason's and Ms. Taryn's Birthdays!

We also just wanted to give you a few quick reminders. We will have no class February 15-19, 2021 for Winter Recess. We also follow the South Colonie School District decisions for delays, early dismissals, and closings due to inclement weather. Please check your local listings. If there is a 1-hour delay, we will begin class at 9:30am. If there is a 2-hour delay, we will cancel class for that day.

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

## Orange Room News

We had a very busy month in the Orange Room! We enjoyed learning how various animals prepare for the winter. We also focused on two very special Jan Brett books, *The Mitten* and *The Hat*. The children enjoyed finding clues in the intricate detail of Jan Brett's illustrations and reading and comparing these two special books.

In our Go Math program we began working with simple addition using ten frames and manipulatives. The children did an excellent job reading and writing addition sentences!

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 together. We have many 100th day activities planned to share with the children... stay tuned for the exact date!

We will learn about the science of 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 with levelled readers. We will continue to practice drawing and writing using inventive spelling as well. 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.

Happy Birthday to Ryan and Mr. Jason this month!

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



## 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 one birthday to celebrate this month. Happy Birthday to Joey (8<sup>th</sup>)! We will finish up January with snow sports and activities. Then we will start off the month of February with arctic animals.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day by hosting a small Valentine's Day dance followed by our favorite special story! Details will be coming 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. So much fun to be had!!

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 slanted lines in February (R,W,A,X, etc.)

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. 2<sup>nd</sup>) 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!

Ms. Carol, Ms. Elle and Ms. Eliza