



January News 2019



Violet Room News

Happy New Year! The Violet Room staff would like to thank all the families who attended the gingerbread decorating party. Fun was had by all who attended the special event. Also, your donations of frosting, candy and paper products were greatly appreciated.

The themes for the month of January are winter, snowman, forest animals/hibernation, and winter sports. Please remember that theme related puzzles, books, and games are always welcomed.

The children are really enjoying filling the alphabet bag with items that start with the letter of the week. They are very eager to show off what they brought in during circle time and are very proud when we display their alphabet objects in our classroom for their peers to look at. Please have your child trace the letter of the week taped to the door upon arrival. The letters that we will be focusing during the month of January are D, E, F, and G.

Now that winter is here please send in LABELED snow clothes (hats, mittens, snow pants, boots etc...) for your child on a daily basis. We go outdoors as long as the temperature is above 32 degrees.

We would like to welcome Joey and his family to the Violet Room. We are so happy to have you in our class and part of the Spotted Zebra family.

Finally, we would like to wish Harrison a very special happy birthday!

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



Blue Room News

Happy New Year!! We welcome you back to school and are excited for the New Year. We had fun learning about all the holidays that all of the other cultures celebrate! The children enjoyed participating in all of the pajama parties this past month. We are working hard to earn more marble to towards another party!

This month we will be learning about the season of Winter and Artic Animals/Hibernation. We will focus on the weather, clothing and all the activities (inside and out) that we can do during the winter months. We are going to concentrate more on letter recognition as well. We will be reading a bunch of books about winter: *The Snowy Day*, *There was a Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow*, and *Snowmen at Night*. We will be practicing sequencing the events of the story, recalling details and making predictions about what might happen next.

As the winter continues, we will try to go outside as much as possible. Please send in the appropriate clothing for the weather and label all items. We do our best to be sure that items do not get sent home with the wrong child and having it labeled will help.

Happy Birthday to Elisabeth and Lydia!

~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

DEC. 24 ~ JAN. 1- School Closed-Winter Recess

JANUARY 16- Kindergarten Information Night
2019- 20 School Year ~ 7:00-8:00pm

JANUARY 20- *Seussical* Sensory Friendly Performance 11am

JANUARY 21- School Closed





Green Room News

Happy New Year!! We hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays and their week off! We want to thank all of you for joining us for our Holiday Breakfast and Sing Along and sharing various items with us to give to the residents of the nursing home. We had a wonderful time with you and are so proud of our kiddos for their performance – it's not easy to sing and dance in front of an audience!

When we return from the holiday break for a short first week, we will have themed days such as: science day, game day, sensory day, and choice day. Winter will be our over encompassing theme for January and within that we will cover the following topics: Snow and Snowmen, Staying Warm (featuring Jan Brett's books), Winter Sports and Activities, and Animals in the Snow. We will also talk about Martin Luther King Jr. and tolerance using a wonderful book called, *The Crayon Box That Talked* by Shane DeRolf. The story is about a box of colorful crayons that do not get along...that is, until a little girl brings them home and shows them how they can all work together to draw a beautiful picture. The Green Room kiddos are very familiar with the concept of teamwork and this will, no doubt, expand upon that!

Before we close, we would like to wish Henry (13th), Emjaye (27th), and Mika (30th) a very Happy Birthday!

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



Orange Room News

This month we began learning about animals in winter and hibernation. The children read about animals that hibernate in Scholastic magazine as well as animals that migrate or gather food for the winter. In our math program we reviewed several concepts, including shapes, patterns, ten frames and grouping and comparing sets. We talked a lot about family traditions this month as well and spent time learning about Hanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. Thank you to all who were able to join us for our annual caroling visit to the nursing home. The children worked so hard practicing each of the songs and making cards for the residents. We were so proud of them for putting on such a nice performance and spreading some holiday cheer!

When we return to school in January we will pick up where we left off with our animals in winter study. To support this theme we will introduce a new author of the month, Jan Brett. You may know Jan Brett from popular children's books such as *The Hat* and *The Mitten*. In our math program we will begin to work with simple addition. In our Fountas and Pinnell literacy program we will continue to work with our leveled readers and writing/drawing in our literacy journals. Also, we will briefly discuss Martin Luther King's influence on our country as we approach the holiday.

Finally, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to Reid!

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



Speckled Zebra News

Welcome back to Speckled and Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season. In the month of January we will be exploring our theme of winter while also including number, shape, and letter concepts. Our friends have loved learning all about the cold weather so far and we are so excited to continue with that. We would like to welcome our new friends Jack and Chloe to our class!

~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.