



# January News 2020



## 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, forest animals/ hibernation, and Winter Sports. Please remember that theme related puzzles, books, and games are always welcomed.

The letters that we will be focusing during the month of January are A, B, and C. We will introduce the letter of the week during the second week of January. Please have your child trace the letter taped to the classroom door every morning. Also a list will be going out with what letter is assigned to each Violet Room friend.

During the last week of January the Violet Room friends will start tracing their names upon arrival, in addition to putting their name stick in the school cup. If you're running late, just let us know and we will assist your little ones.

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.

Finally, we would like to wish Rocky and Ronan a very special happy birthday! We would also like to wish Ms. Jamie the best of luck as she pursues her new career and welcome our new T.A., Ms. Terry!

*~Ms. Chris, Ms. Renee, Ms. Terry & 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 different cultures celebrate! The children enjoyed participating in all of the pajama parties this past month.

This month we will be learning about the season of Winter and Artic Animals/ Snowmen. 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 an Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow*, *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 Liam, Adelynn, Harrison, and Holland!

*~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

**January 2~** Classes Resume

**January 20~** No School

**January 30~** Kindergarten Information Night  
2020- 21 School Year ~ 7:00-8:00pm





## Green Room News

Happy New Year!! We hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays and their time off! We want to thank all of you for joining us for our Caroling Field Trip at The Beltrone Senior Living Center. We had a wonderful time with you and are so proud of our kiddos for their performance and kindness to them – it’s not easy to sing and dance in front of an audience and then present them with cards and gifts!

When we return from the holiday break for a short first week, we will have themed days of sensory day, and choice day. Winter will be our over encompassing theme for January and within that we will cover the following topics: Kindness, 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 Elisabeth (8th) and Cora (26th) a very Happy Birthday!

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



## Orange Room News

This month we began learning about animals in winter and discussed animals that hibernate, 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 also introduced “greater than” and “less than.” We talked a lot about family traditions this month as well and spent time learning about Hanukkah, 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 teen numbers and then transition to simple addition at the end of the month. 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 happy birthday to Henry!

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



## 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 more of the winter season as well as learning about polar animals.

We would also like to thank all the families for the lovely gifts we were presented with before break. We love spending time with your children helping them learn and grow.

*~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.**