

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

JUNE 2021



Important Upcoming Zebra Dates/Notes:

- ✓ July 5th – Spotted Zebra closed for the July 4th Holiday.

What is Happening in the Classrooms....



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

Happy June Violet Room Families! May seemed to fly right by. We have enjoyed the beautiful weather by going for walks and playing with bubbles and chalk on the playground. We watched our caterpillars spin into their chrysalis and turn into butterflies. The Violet Room friends loved releasing them in nature and watching them fly off.

We are starting June off celebrating our families! Please check out the google classroom for a special video on June 4th! Our themes for the month of June include: Farm Animals, Summer, & Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. We are continuing to work on being a super friend and making green choices.

As the school year is coming to a close, we are beginning to talk to the Violet Room friends about how the summer will be different. We will be using visuals, social stories, and a count-down to graduation to support your children with this upcoming transition.

We would like to wish Brennan and Callan a special Happy Birthday!

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



A NOTE FROM MS. CAROLYN..... It is with mixed feelings that I share the news that I will be moving to Rochester at the end of the summer. In my 7 years at the Spotted Zebra, I have been blessed to work with wonderful families and staff. It has been an honor to help your children learn and grow through the joy of music. There have been so many songs and cherished memories created this year. You are all very special to me and I will miss you very much.



Blue Room News

It is hard to believe it is already June. It has truly been a wonderful year despite the challenges we all have faced. The children have all grown so much and developed strong friendships within our class. We will miss the children who are moving on this summer to new adventures.

In May we explored emotions, life cycles and farm animals. The children were so excited to observe as our caterpillars changed into butterflies. It was very exciting when we were able to let them go! The themes for the month of June are dinosaurs, numbers and shapes and graduation. We are in the process of planning our Blue Room graduation. It is tentatively planned for the week of June 21st. We will let you know as soon as we have more information.

Finally warm temperatures have finally arrived in the great Northeast. Due to milder temperatures and sun filled skies please remember to send in sunscreen. Also a hat and sunglasses would help protect your little ones from the bright sun. As we are spending more time outside please be sure your child has appropriate shoes for the playground. We often go on daily walks to the Crossings prior to the playground. We will check your child's cubby for weather appropriate extra clothes and let you know if you need to send in summer clothing. Happy Birthday to Miss Sue, Christian, Ezekiel and Leo!

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



Bizzy Beez News

We can't believe it's already June! Time has really flown by these last few months. We had so much fun in May welcoming in warmer weather and learning about lots of outdoor things like farms, animals, and bugs. The kids LOVED raising the Painted Lady butterflies and releasing them into the wild. We also really enjoyed our fairytale unit, although sometimes they found the witches and goblins in the stories scary!

In June we will continue talking about animals that live in the ocean and animals that live on the savanna. We will also begin practicing for our graduation ceremony. Our graduation will be held here at Bizzy Beez on Wednesday, June 23 (in person) at 10 AM. Please look for a separate flyer with all the information coming home soon! Please note that Covid precautions will be taken. (More information to follow.)

This school year has been a wonderful experience for us, and we have truly enjoyed the time we spent teaching your children. We thank you for entrusting your child with us. They have made so much progress in terms of their physical, social, emotional and cognitive development since September. We couldn't be prouder of them! We thank you for your support throughout this unconventional and challenging school year. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing some of you for our summer session and wish the best of luck to those moving on. Congratulations!!

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

Orange Room News

We were excited that beautiful weather finally came at the end of the month of May. We got outside onto the playground as much as possible! When we weren't outside we were participating in seasonal activities in the classroom. We learned about plant life and watched as our bean plants sprouted in our window greenhouses. We also pretended to be scientists as we observed and documented our caterpillars' metamorphosis into Painted Lady butterflies. We were very excited to release them together!

In our literacy program we focused on sequencing and retelling story events. The children did really well using pictures to retell stories to each other.

In our Go Math curriculum we wrapped up our study of three dimensional shapes and then moved on to working with measurement and comparing objects by length, height and weight.

The month of June is always a bittersweet time in the Orange Room. We are so proud of the children's growth over the course of the school year but sad to wrap things up! We have so much to do in these last few weeks of school. First, we are excited to do a mini study of ocean life! We will also participate in a number of activities to review previous math concepts, including graphing, nonstandard measurement, patterns, addition and subtraction. We will also spend some time reflecting on our school year and our special friendships as we prepare for our graduation. What an awesome year we've had, it will truly be hard to say good-bye.

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



Green Room News

It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. It has been a wonderful year and we have enjoyed working with all of you very much. We are so proud of the many accomplishments the children have made this year and know that each is ready for his/her next chapter in school life!

This month your kiddos will get to participate in yoga classes with the head of our Human Resources, Ms. Sarah. We already had one class in May and everyone had so much fun participating! We had so much fun with our caterpillar unit!

Your kiddos loved watching them metamorphosize into butterflies and observing all of the changes that happened.

June will be all about fun as we celebrate a successful year! We are excited for our June themes – Families, our 5 senses, dinosaurs and graduation. Our last week will be all about preparing for summer, kindergarten and graduation. Graduation will be taking place on Wednesday, June 23rd. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

We have finished the alphabet and are now beginning to fill our journals with numbers as well as more writing and drawing about our experiences. Our friends are amazing at calendar and circle this time of year and we have one final calendar pattern to discover.

Happy Birthday to Gracen this month (1st) and to Artie (28th)! We also want to wish all of our dad's a very Happy Father's Day.

Ms. Carol, Ms. Elle, Ms. Christiana and Ms. Liz