

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

MARCH 2021



Important Upcoming Zebra Dates/Notes:

- ✓ April 5-April 9, 2021 – No special education programming this week.

What is Happening in the Classrooms....



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

The Violet Room friends had a fun-filled celebration of love and friendship on Valentine's Day. A big shout out to Ms. Laura for the wonderful video she made to share with our parents and their little ones.

The themes for the month of March are Dr. Seuss, Colors, Rainbows/St. Patrick's Day, and Wind/kites/diamonds.

We will focus on the letters U, C, O, and Q. Thank you for taking the time to fill the alphabet bag with very creative letter of the week items. The time and energy you are putting forth is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to send in extra clothes, underwear, pull-ups, and wipes if you should get a note from us. Also our community supply of paper towels, wipes, and tissues are running low. We are grateful for all the donations that have been sent in over the last several months.

In March we will have a "Potty" party celebration since everyone in the Violet Room is now potty trained. We are so proud of our class. This has never happened in all my fifteen years of working with this age group. The class will decide on the theme, activities, and special snack within the next week. As soon as we figure out the details we will let you know.

We look forward to the first day of Spring and the warm and sunny days ahead.

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



Blue Room News

February was an exciting month in the Blue Room! We started out the month with hibernation learning about Groundhog's Day. We also spent time around Valentine's Day talking about how to show our family and friends that we love them! We practiced singing "All I Really Need" and "H-E-A-R-T."

In March, will wrap up our unit on Dental Health, then move onto celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading his books and making green eggs and ham! We will then go more into our Community Helper's, and start learning about spring. We will be incorporating sequencing, sorting and patterns into these lessons. While learning about these topics we will continue to work on letter recognition, counting with 1-1 correspondence and writing our names. Writing your child's name in a yellow marker then having them trace over the letters is a great way to practice at home!

As the weather begins to warm up, we are hoping to get outside more! Please be sure that your child is wearing or bringing sneakers to school. Also, please check that all items are labeled, especially shoes and jackets. This ensures that items to not get mixed up and makes the process of getting outside much faster!

Happy Birthday to Oliver and Dr. Sues!

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



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

More details to follow as we get closer!!!



Bizzy Beez News

Happy March!

We are so excited to be entering a new month. With March comes longer days and (hopefully) warmer weather! The kids worked really hard in February learning about feelings and how to properly express them when they are feeling that emotion. So, if you see them clapping, they might be happy, if they are stomping their feet, they may be mad and if they shout hooray, they may be excited about something!

In March, we will continue our unit of dinosaurs as well as explore several new themes. This includes Rainbows, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and Spring! We have lots of fun projects planned. We will continue reviewing colors, shapes, numbers and our abc's. We have also introduced some new concepts in our circle time. We have begun teaching the months of the year as well as the concept of yesterday, today and tomorrow for our days of the week. Be on the lookout for a special project coming home soon; making a leprechaun trap! We can't wait to see what you guys come up with.

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

Orange Room News

February was a short month but we managed to get a lot done! We started out the month by exploring with shadows, which tied in nicely with the book *Moonbear's Shadow*, by Frank Asch. We took a virtual field trip to a children's museum where we learned about the science of shadows too! We also spent some time talking about presidents and the children were very interested in this topic. We discussed the role of the president and we specifically learned about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. In our math program we continued to work with addition stories using ten frames and other manipulatives and moved onto subtraction. Finally, at the end of the month we spent some time learning about dental hygiene.

We will start off the month of March by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday which is March 2nd. We have several fun activities planned! We are also eager to finally celebrate our 100th day together! In our math program we will continue to practice and explore with addition and subtraction. We will also continue to practice skip counting (counting by 5's & 10's). In our literacy program we will continue to work with our leveled reading and practice writing and drawing in our literacy journals. We will also focus on rhyming and word families to go along with our Dr. Seuss books. In our social studies curriculum we will begin to discuss our neighborhood and work on learning our addresses and phone numbers. At the end of March we will begin focusing on the change in season as we finally welcome spring.

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

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!!



Green Room News

We are eager to say goodbye to February and spring into March!! It has been so nice to get outside this last week and we are hoping that continues in March.

We have had so much fun ending February with Dr. Seuss! For the first two days of the month we will continue the Dr. Seuss author study and end with rhyming activities - of course. Then we will be zooming into space to learn about our Solar System.

Each day, for nine days, we will focus on one planet and a related space activity. We are looking forward to using various art media to create a solar system bulletin board in our classroom. Each art project will incorporate the attributes of the day's planet. The concept of gravity will also be explored.

St. Patrick's Day will be next. Will there be a visit from a mischievous Leprechaun? Maybe one can be lured with special traps. It's very likely that glitter and little footprints will be found...but will the Leprechaun?

March will be wrapped up by exploring the different jobs that community helpers do. We will learn about the tools they need to do their jobs and how they help. We will do some dramatic role playing with each job and the children will think about what kind of job they will want in the future.

The letters W, X, Y and Z are left to complete in our letter learning, Handwriting Without Tears, and Sounds in Motion curricula. The children have become quite independent in completing their letter trees, journals and rainbow writing. We look forward to making an alphabet book for review when we are finished!

Have a great month ahead!

Ms. Carol, Ms. Elle, Ms. Eliza and Ms. Liz