



May News 2019



Violet Room News

Happy spring! It's great to see warm sunny days are finally upon us. The little ones are delighted to be outside again and the teachers can finally breathe a sigh of relief to see them releasing some of that pent up energy from being stuck indoors for so long.

We would like to welcome a new friend named Klaus and his family to the Violet Room; we are so excited to have you in our class!

The themes for the month of May are Farm Animals, Caterpillars/Butterflies, and Bugs. The letters we will focus on this month are S, T, U, and V. We also encourage families to share any theme related games, puzzles, and books with the class.

During the month of May the Violet class will learn firsthand about the life cycle of a caterpillar from larva to chrysalis to butterfly in our classroom. Once the butterflies are mature enough we release them at the Crossings.

Once the mild weather is finally upon us, please start applying sun block on your child before they come to school. It helps to alleviate some chaos that sometimes occurs preparing to go outdoors. Please send in a new LABELED bottle of sun block to replace the outdated ones.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the family luncheon towards the end of the month. The children will be making special gifts and delicious breakfast foods to share with their families. Happy Birthday to Emma, Jacob and Joey!

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



Blue Room News

The Blue Room spent the month of April welcoming Spring. We enjoyed learning about community helpers, Spring and Earth Day. As the weather warms up, we will be getting outside more and even taking some walks. Thank you in advance for being so diligent about sending in appropriate clothing and shoes!

May brings us to our units on Outer Space, Farm Animals, Five Senses, and Alphabet. Through these topics, we will continue to practice letter and number recognition, counting with 1:1 correspondence, and sorting according to a specific attribute. We will also be observing our caterpillars as they go through metamorphosis to become butterflies. Our friends will be making daily observations and charting their progress. This is always a Spring favorite for our friends!

We have been incorporating more tactile activities into our day, especially during morning free play. Some class favorites have been playdoh, moon sand and pretend snow. Playing with the different materials allows the children to practice creativity, work on hand strength and develop fine motor skills. Our friends have really enjoyed helping to make these materials and using them throughout the day. Keep an eye out for a list of recipes so that you and your child can try some of them at home!

We would like to wish Connor and Ms. Tanya a happy birthday this month! We would like wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our Blue Room moms. Thank you for all that you do!

~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

Spring Book Fair: April 29 – May 4

May 24- Family Day Luncheon 12pm

May 24- Early Dismissal, 1:30pm

May 27- No School





Green Room News

The Green Room is ready for the month of May, and hopefully more sunshine and playground time! We have one birthday this month, Happy Birthday Logan!!

To start the month, we will celebrate Earth Day! We also be exploring farms; the animals found on the farm and different foods grown on a farm. We will observe the growth of our flowers we planted in April and watch the changes that have happened around us outside (buds on trees, greener grass, more birds and insects, warmer weather, etc.) We have a special book and fun activities that will help us learn living versus non-living as we think about which things grow and which do not. To further these activities, we will discover all about the life cycles of butterflies, frogs, chicks and more.

Classroom butterflies will be arriving soon! We look forward to the opportunity to observe the transition from caterpillar to butterfly and discover many facts about the other insects in our world, as well. We will wrap up the month by exploring our 5 senses and start getting ready for graduation in June!

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



Orange Room News

Throughout the month of April we focused on learning all about plants and their life cycle. We were excited to prepare lima bean plants by hanging seeds with water in our windows. The children anxiously watched as they began to sprout. In honor of Earth Day, which was April 22nd, we focused many of our lessons on recycling and conservation. The children were excited to look for the recycling symbol on various items and to think of ways that we could make a difference in our classroom. In our Math program we continued to practice with subtraction and reviewed addition. We also experimented with graphing and nonstandard measurement. Finally, we enjoyed learning all about our Author of the Month, Eric Carle. We read several of his books and retold his stories through art and writing.

In May we will begin a very exciting butterfly study. We will be observing caterpillars as they transform into Painted Lady butterflies and we will record all the changes we see in observation journals. We will be meeting our new author of the month, Lois Ehlert, whose books "Planting a Rainbow" and "Waiting for Wings" tie in nicely with our curriculum. In our literacy program we will continue to push forward with our leveled reading practice. We will focus on identifying story elements such as characters, setting, problems and solutions. We will also continue to work on expanding our details as we write and draw. In our Go Math program we will wrap up subtraction and shift our focus to 2-D and 3-D shapes. We look forward to another busy month in the Orange Room and we are excited to (finally) welcome the spring weather!

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



Speckled Zebra News

We had such a fun April with our Speckled friends. We learned so much about rain, rainbows and Spring. Some of our favorite activities were decorating umbrellas, making rainbow bracelets and stamp painting with Peeps.

As we transition into May, we will continue exploring Spring and bugs. We are so excited to get outside to the playground as the morning chill begins to fade away. Please be sure to send your child to school wearing sneakers to run around in!

~Ms. Kathryn, Nana Karen & Mr. Jason



SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center Graduation will be held this year on

FRIDAY JUNE 21 at 11:00am

Please join us in our classrooms after for a celebration pizza party!