

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

MAY 2021



Important Upcoming Zebra Dates/Notes:

- ✓ May 28, 2021 – Spotted Zebra will close at 1:30 for Staff Training
- ✓ May 31, 2021 – Spotted Zebra closed for Memorial Day holiday

Remember that you must complete the daily health survey for your child before they can come to Spotted Zebra. The link is

What is Happening in the Classrooms....



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.

The themes for the month of May are birds, flowers, caterpillars/butterflies, and bugs. The letters we will focus on this month are P, B, R, and K.

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.

We usually have a special family breakfast between Mother's Day and Father's Day, but due to Covid-19 that will not be happening again this year. Instead, the Violet Room teachers will be creating a special Google Classroom Video, gifts, and cards to show you how much you are loved. June 4th is our target date for family appreciation day.

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 Please send in a new LABELED bottle of spray-on sun block to replace the outdated ones.

We would like to wish a special Happy Birthday to Adriano and Alessio.

Ms. Laura, Ms. Chris, Ms. Katina, and 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 Friendship, Manners, Red Choices and Green Choices. Look for some handouts throughout the month about Green and Red Choices. 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 playdough, 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 Sam and Ms. Caitlyn a happy birthday this month! We would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to our Blue Room moms. Thank you for all you do!

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



Bizzy Beez News

Happy May!

April just flew right by! We had so much fun learning about Spring, baby animals, gardening and farms. We did a lot of art and kept our classroom windows decorated all month long. But don't worry, once we do new projects, we always send home the ones we have hung. We also started our unit on bugs that will bring us into May!

In May we will continue the bug unit. We have had so much fun in our bug sensory bins and with our bug playdough boxes. We have also been doing a lot of bug artwork which includes: Butterflies, Ladybugs, and Bumble Bees. We will finish the month off learning about Fairytales and Nursery Rhymes.

It's hard to believe that next month is already June! Please stay tuned for information regarding our moving up ceremony. Whether they are moving into a different classroom, a different time of the day, or a different school, we will celebrate all of their achievements this year. We are so proud of them all!

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the beautiful weather heading our way!

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

Orange Room News

Throughout the month of April, we focused on learning all about plants and their life cycle. We were excited to plant grass in cups and prepare mini lima bean greenhouses to hang in our windows. The children anxiously watched as each began to sprout. We enjoyed studying insects together too! 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 revisited 2D shapes and introduced 3D shapes. We identified curves, sides and vertices while comparing various shapes together. We had a very busy month!

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. 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 2D and 3D shapes and shift our focus to measurement.

We look forward to another busy month in the Orange Room and we are excited to (finally) welcome the spring weather! We would like to wish Joey and Gavin a very happy birthday!

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



Green Room News

The Green Room is excited to welcome May and consistently warmer weather! Thank you for sending in labeled sunscreen and spare clothes for warmer weather. We will go outside as much as possible!

The children have been enjoying our review of the alphabet. They have done so well with the letter booklets that we have started to do one letter per day. We will also be adding an additional, weekly letter hat making project to further reinforce letter review and cutting practice.

We are excited for our May themes – baby animals, food and flower gardens, life cycles of butterflies and frogs, and insects. Caterpillars will arrive soon, and we will get to observe and record their growth and metamorphosis. This month we will get to explore many topics such as growth and change, what living things need to grow, living vs. nonliving, and more! Many virtual field trips to farms, museums, and gardens will happen, as well as walks outside to explore and observe nature.

Before we close, we would like to send best wishes for a Happy Mother's Day and a Happy Birthday to Grant (5/19)!

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



Remember to send in
sunscreen (please label) for
your child!!