

# The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

## NOVEMBER 2020



### Important Upcoming Zebra Dates/Notes:

- ✓ November 9- November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Online Scholastic Bookfair – Visit our Page!!!  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/spottedzebra>
- ✓ November 11<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Veteran's Day
- ✓ Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

## What is Happening in the Classrooms....



### VIOLET ROOM NEWS

The Halloween party was a big success with all the little ghost and goblins in the Violet Room, we only wished all our families could have attended. Hopefully, the pictures and video Ms. Laura put on Google classroom compensated for not being there in person.

The themes for the month of November are scarecrows/harvest, food glorious foods, and turkeys. After Thanksgiving break we will start focusing on the shapes of the season. On Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. we will be making friendship soup, corn bread, and butter with the children.

Since friends in the Violet Room are now able to sit for longer periods of time we will be introducing a seven day calendar at circle time. We will work on saying and signing names of the month, days of the week, and counting. Also, with some support and encouragement, the little ones are now attempting to put on their own coats, following the hand washing routine,

and cleaning up their spots after snack and lunch.

During the first week of November we will start sending home weekend communication forms to fill out with activities that your family participated in over the weekend. You can also email pictures to go along with the information you shared. Please send in the forms on the first day your child(ren) returns to school. The forms and pictures will be used during lunch time to increase communication amongst the little ones. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Violet Room teachers.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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



## Blue Room News

The month of October seemed to fly by in the Blue Room! We have been getting to know our friends and their interests! In October we learned about the Fall season, pumpkins, and Halloween. The children enjoyed learning about the pumpkins and learning how they grow! We also celebrated Halloween during the month of October. The children had a blast trick-or-treating to Mr. Matt's and Ms. Sheri's offices in our costumes!

In the month of November we will be learning about feelings and emotions, We will read the book "The Color Monster." It focuses on emotions like happy, sad, angry, fear, calm, and love! We will continue to focus on number skills/quantity concepts, pre-writing, speaking/listening, story sequencing and relating our own experiences to our play. Thanksgiving and food will close out the month of November. We will be talking about the holiday, what we are thankful for and how different families celebrate.

Thank you again for sending in the weekend sheets every week! It is very helpful in sparking conversation during snack and lunch time. The children really like to hear that their friends are doing many of the same activities on their "stay home" days. As the weather gets chilly please check your child's bin for appropriate clothing and be sure they have a jacket. Please keep checking the Google Classroom for pictures and videos of the children throughout the day! Finally, we would like to say Happy Thanksgiving! We want to give a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Robert!!!

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



## Bizzy Beez News

Greetings from Bizzy Beez!

The month of November is already here and we have lots of fun stuff planned! First, we want to thank everyone for helping to make our Halloween festivities a success. We had a ton of fun and are so glad that families could join us over Zoom to see it all happen. We miss having our families join us in person, but your support virtually is greatly appreciated. The kids loved seeing you on the screen!

In November, we will be exploring a number of new topics. We will discuss Autumn and the changes it brings with it. We will discuss leaves, scarecrows, the 5 senses, and things that we are thankful for. At the end of the month, we will plan a special event to celebrate our families. Stay tuned for more details.

As it gets colder outside, we realize the kiddos will be bringing in more outside clothing. Please make sure to label all pieces, such as gloves, hats, scarves, etc. Also, if they wear boots to class, remember to send in sneakers so they can play safely on our indoor equipment.

As always, feel free to reach out to us via email or phone anytime. We are happy to chat about anything that may be on your mind. We are so thankful your child is a part of our classroom family. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

**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!!](http://www.spottedzebra.org!!)**

## Orange Room News

October was certainly a busy month in the Orange Room! We were excited to learn all about pumpkins, including the parts of a pumpkin and how they grow throughout the seasons. At the end of the month we took a virtual field trip to the pumpkin patch and carved a pumpkin together, which was so much fun! Many of the children were brave enough to get messy scooping out the pulp and seeds. In our Math program we continued to work with numbers 1-5 as well as grouping and comparing sets and AB patterns. We began filling our word wall and learned several new popcorn words, including I, a, is, and, can, me, for and went. The children have enjoyed finding these words in our morning message each day and throughout the classroom! We also spent some time learning about fire safety, the changing weather and animals in fall. We certainly enjoyed participating in several Halloween related activities too!

In November we will expand our number practice to include numbers 6-10. We will be also begin to focus on comparing numbers, using greater than, less than and equal to. In our literacy program we will continue to work on a range of foundational skills including letter/sound identification, rhyming, syllables and comprehension skills. A focus of our literacy time will be responding to texts through drawing and writing. We will be encouraging greater detail in illustrations and practicing labeling our pictures using inventive spelling (recording sounds heard, even if incorrect). We will spend some time talking about the story of the first Thanksgiving and all the things we feel thankful for. Finally, we would love to wish a very happy birthday to Jillian, Sean and Paige!

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



## Green Room News

Hello Green Room Families!

We are "Falling for Fall" in the Green Room this year! Green Room students have been delighted with all the changes that fall brings! We pulled out our magnifying glasses to study leaves up close. We were scientists making observations as the vibrant leaves changed colors. We noted the satisfying crunching sounds they made underfoot, and we laughed with excitement over the squirrels searching all over the park for acorns!

We are ready to dig deeper in November! Our November themes will include pumpkins, Thanksgiving, a Mo Willems author study, transportation, and colors. Thanksgiving is always a wonderful time for our students to reflect on the things they are thankful for and the friendships they are making in the classroom. Our Mo Willems author study will include books from the beloved Gerald and Piggy series!

Just a friendly reminder that as the cold weather approaches, please remember to send in jackets every day and cold weather clothing as we continue to play outside and go for walks when possible.

We will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day.

Have a wonderful November,

Ms. Liz, Ms. Elle, Ms. Heather & Ms. Carol

### MUSIC.....

We have been having a lot of fun in music class as we sing seasonal songs and get to know each other! If you haven't done so already, please log in with your classroom code at Bloomz.net or the Bloomz app. This is where I will be sharing song videos and weekly music updates. Please contact Carolyn at [carolynkeenanmusictherapy@gmail.com](mailto:carolynkeenanmusictherapy@gmail.com) if you need help or have misplaced your code