



October News 2018



Violet Room News

September has just flown by! Everyone seems to be adjusting well and settling into a routine. We have a very busy October planned! Our themes this month include: Fire Safety, the season of Fall, Pumpkins and Halloween. We have a fire fighter coming in to talk to us about fire safety and the job of a firefighter! We will be playing Fire Safety Bingo, doing themed matching activities, "putting out fires" in our water table with spray bottles and learning a 911 poem. For Fall we will be focusing on the changing leaves and the colors of the season. We will be working on learning how to do crafts/projects with paint/glue and other materials. During our pumpkin theme will focus on concepts related to size (big/little) and description (wet/bumpy/rough/etc). Activities include painting pumpkins, carving a pumpkin. Our Halloween theme includes practicing how to Trick or Treat, theme-related crafts and playing dress-up. We will have a center-wide Halloween Parade and classroom party immediately following. We will have a pizza party with a piñata and parents are invited to attend!

A few reminders.....please remember to label all of your child's lunch items and coats with their name and check their extra clothes to be sure they are appropriate for fall. Please remember any food items containing peanuts or tree nuts as well as foods that are processed in a facility that processes peanuts or tree nuts are not permitted in our school. Please be sure to check labels when packing your child's lunch.

Happy Birthday to Jaxson and Owen who both turn 3 years old this month!

~Ms. Chris, Ms. Renee, Ms. Shelby, Mr. Tyler and Ms. Kathy



Blue Room News

It has been a wonderful start of the year in the Blue Room. We would like to thank the families who have helped make September a fantastic month. We played a variety of name games and getting to know you activities. We also spent time learning about each other's families. Finally we ended the month by exploring apples. Thank you for sending in your family pictures! Each child has a collage of his or her family displayed in the classroom.

In October we will learn about fire safety, which will hopefully include a visit from a firefighter. The class will also explore the topics of fall, pumpkins and Halloween. We are planning a trip to Sunnyside Gardens. Parents are invited to join us on this trip. Details will follow shortly. Open house is scheduled for October 2nd. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! As the weather gets cooler please check your child's bin for appropriate clothing and be sure to send your child to school with a sweatshirt or light coat. We will be sending communication forms home daily, but please feel free to email us at blueroom@spottedzebra.org if you have any questions or concerns. This form will include information related to your child's day along with items he or she may need (such as diapers or extra clothing). Thanks for labeling all clothing, personal items and blankets. Finally we would like to wish Christina, Adelynn and Miss Jenna a very happy birthday!

~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, and The Air Walker Swing.*

Saturdays 9:00am - 10:30am
\$5 per child



IMPORTANT ZEBRA DATES

October 2- Parent Night 7-8pm

October 16- Field Trip to Sunnyside

October 20- Autism Awareness Day @ The Great Escape

October 22~27- Book Fair Week

October 25- Trunk or Treat 6-7:30pm





Green Room News

Fall greetings! We have been having such a nice time getting to know each other in the Green Room. We have found that our friends really love to dance and sing; play picnic, restaurant, and take care the babies; and build with wooden blocks and large Duplos. Storytime is also a favorite.

We have many exciting things planned for October as well. We will be learning about fire safety and will focus on what to do if there is a fire - stop, drop, and roll; stay low and go; get out and stay out; and call 911. There will be lots of role playing, so don't be surprised if your child drops to the floor to show you what to do!

We will also be learning about feelings, fall leaves, pumpkins, scarecrows, and Halloween. Look out for more information about a pumpkin patch field trip, as well as our annual Trunk-or-Treat and Trick-or-Treating parade.

We have begun our letter of the week journals, which is supported by the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum. This will help us draw shapes and "Mat Man", as well as practice many other pre-writing skills. We will also introduce simple story sequencing/recall using visuals and actions this month with one of our school's favorite stories - The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams. We look forward to seeing the children's response to these activities.

Before we close, we would like to remind everyone to change the clothing in your child's spare clothing bucket over to fall attire, if you have not done so already. We have no birthdays this month, so we would just like to wish everyone a very happy first (full) month of fall!

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



Orange Room News

The month of September sure did fly by! The children have adjusted quite well to the structure and routines of the Orange Room. Throughout the month we focused on getting to know each other and our classroom. We participated in many name recognition activities, including learning a song called "The Friend March." We began working in our math program and focused on identifying same and different as well as basic shapes and numbers 1-5. In our literacy curriculum we began reviewing letter sounds and began working with poetry in our literacy journals, and will continue to introduce a new theme based poem each week. Finally, throughout September we began discussing the changing season as well as the life cycle of an apple tree.

As we move into October we will continue to work with numbers and quantity and we will begin to work with ten frames. We will also begin introducing high frequency words, which we call "popcorn words." We will introduce our first Author of the Month, Laura Numeroff, who is most famous for her "If You Give a Mouse" series. Our science and social studies curriculum will include activities related to fall, Christopher Columbus, harvest time, pumpkins and of course Halloween. We will spend some time learning about fire safety as well since October 8-12th is fire safety awareness week. Finally, we are excited celebrate two birthdays this month; happy birthday to Dexter, Ethan and Thaddeus!

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



Speckled Zebra News

We have been having such a wonderful time getting to know our friends in Speckled Zebra! As we begin the month of October, we will be focusing on Fall, pumpkins and Halloween. Through crafts, pre-literacy skills and play we will immerse ourselves in the upcoming season. As the weather cools off, please remember to bring your jackets. We will be playing outside as much as the weather allows! Please remember to label jackets and all other items. Thank you!

~Ms. Kathryn, Nana Karen & Mr. Jason

Please join us for our Fall Book Fair!

October 22-27, 2018

