



# September News 2018



## Violet Room News

The staff in the Violet Room would like to welcome our new friends and their families to The Spotted Zebra! We can't wait to start working with your little ones. We will be available with plenty of hugs and reassuring words to help ease any anxiety your child may have about attending a new school or separating from family members.

The themes during the month of September are "That's My Name," "My Classmates and My School," and "My Family." Please don't forget to e-mail individual and family pictures as soon as possible to violetroom@spottedzebra.org. The individual pictures are for your child's circle time mat and cubby. Family photographs will be made into individual collages and displayed for all the preschoolers to view and admire.

Please don't forget to label all your child's belongings (e.g., clothes, lunchbox, blankets, crib sheet pillows, diapers, wipes, etc.). This helps to alleviate any confusion about students' individual possessions throughout the school year. The Violet Room teachers would appreciate if you could apply sun block to your child until the temperatures turn cool.

We would like to wish Henry T., Evelyn, Kiernan, and Adley a very special Happy Birthday.

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



## Blue Room News

Welcome to the Blue Room! We are so excited to have your child join us for this school year. We would like to start by introducing the classroom staff; Erica Sauter is our Special Education Teacher, Jenna Plue is the Early Childhood Teacher, Katina Smith is the classroom Teacher's Assistant, and Karen Vartigan is the Speech and Language Pathologist.

We have a fun filled, busy schedule that we follow throughout the day. The children quickly adapt to our routine and it becomes second nature to them. As the children come into school we have them sign their name and wash their hands. They then begin their day with play at our different centers. We ask that your child does not bring toys into school from home.

We have fun weekly themes planned for the start of the school year. We will do activities to help the children meet their new friends and classmates. We will talk about basic concepts such as colors, shapes, and numbers. We will also be talking about our families. Please remember to send in photos so we can be sure to use them for the collages!

It is very important to us that you label your child's items such as their extra clothing, sunscreen, and nap time items. We do our best to keep track of which items belong to which child. We look forward to this being a great year in the Blue Room! We cannot wait to get to know your children and work with all of you this year. Lastly we want to wish Charlotte a very special 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

September 5- First Day of School!

October 2- Parent Night 7-8pm

October 20- Autism Awareness Day @ The Great Escape

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

Don't forget to "like us" on Facebook!





## Green Room News

Welcome to the Green Room! We are excited to have Mika, Owen, Benicio, Chance, Auden, Emjaye, Amalia, Tatum, Logan, Henry, Alessia, Cooper, Samantha, Jayden, Isaac and Mikey this year!! We also want to wish Alessia a happy birthday this month!

September is all about getting to know the Green Room and each other, as well as welcoming fall. Our themes for this month are Back to School, Friendship and Me and Apples, Apples, Apples. We will learn about the Green Room classroom rules (four main rules) and discover our classroom routine and daily schedule. Friends will role play how to make and be good friends and get to know each other better through group activities/projects. Many math and science activities will be incorporated into the Apples unit that will allow us to work on patterning, non-standard measurement, counting, making predictions, and exploring the inside and outside of apples. Sensory experiences occur daily, which also supports our science and math concepts.

As part of our friendship and me unit, we look at our families and how they might be the same or different. In order to help us with our family project, please email (carols@spottedzebra.org) or send in pictures of your family members. Please label them and limit the number of pictures to between 5 and 7. We will be using these as part of an art project, so they will be cut and glued down. Thank you so much for your help with this project!

We look forward to getting to know all of you and watching the children grow this year!

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



## Orange Room News

Welcome to The Orange Room! We are excited to get to know our new students and families. We have so many wonderful things planned to stimulate academic, physical, emotional and social development. We would like to welcome all the children that will be attending Kindergarten with us this year and want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Liam and Logan!

We will start off the year by taking some time to get to know each other and learning our kindergarten classroom routines, responsibilities and expectations. We will use this time to build confidence and independence as well as celebrate each of our unique qualities as we participate in many "All About Me" activities. Throughout the month of September we will introduce our first math concepts by working with shapes and numbers 1-5. We will also introduce our literacy program (Leveled Literacy Intervention by Fountas and Pinnell) and begin exploring with letters and high frequency words. Finally, we will begin to explore autumn themed curriculum, including apples and the change in weather. The children will participate in reading/listening, math, writing, social studies, puzzles/games, art, dramatic play, literacy and science weekly. Our specials each week will include: Art, Physical Education, Music and Creative Movement.

Please remember that the kindergarten school day begins at 9am and we like to get busy right away so we can make the most of our time together! We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning together!

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



## Speckled Zebra News

Welcome to The Speckled Zebra! We are so excited to get to know your children and spend lots of time helping them learn and grow. We have lots of fun activities planned this year, so keep a lookout for our weekly lesson plans. With the weather still being nice, please remember to apply sunscreen before you come to school and wear sneakers for the playground. See you soon!

*~Ms. Katheryn, Nana Karen & Mr. Jason*

## ♪ Music Notes ♪

Did you know that music therapy can encourage socialization, self-expression, communication, and motor development in young children? Music is highly motivating, but can also be used to soothe and calm. Quality learning and maximum participation occur when children are able to experience the joy of play with music! During our weekly music classes this month, we will be getting to know each other and singing seasonal songs. We will play rhythm instruments including maracas, hand drums, and tambourines. I look forward to meeting your children and sharing the joy of music!

*~Ms. Carolyn*