

# The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

SEPTEMBER 2021



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

### VIOLET ROOM NEWS

It has been such wonderful experiences watching the Violet Room friends grow both socially and academically this school year. We will miss them but know it's time for them to transition to the Blue and Green Rooms.

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 family pictures as soon as possible to [violetroom@spottedzebra.org](mailto:violetroom@spottedzebra.org). The 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.

Ms. Laura, Ms. Chris, Ms. Katina, 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, Lauren Paravella is the Teacher Assistant and Karen Vartigian is the Speech and Language Pathologist.

We have a fun filled, busy schedule that we follow throughout the day. The children always seem to 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.

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. Some of our overall themes will be Apples, Leaves, Pumpkins, all fun Fall activities!

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 would like to wish Layla a big Happy Birthday as she will be turning 4 this month!

Ms. Erica, Ms. Jenna, Ms. Lauren  
& Ms. Karen



## Bizzy Beez News

Welcome back to school! We are so excited to meet all our new friends and watch them play, learn and grow this school year!

We will explore many themes this month starting with friends/kindness. Our friends will discover what it means to be a "bucket filler" vs. a "bucket dipper". We will play games to help us learn friend's names and get to know each other better.

The next theme is feelings and we will meet the color monster and help him sort out his feelings and maybe learn to identify some of their own emotions along the way. We are wrapping up September having fun with apples inside and out. Our friends will taste test, sort apples by color, make applesauce.

We want to wish a happy birthday to our friends Max, Jaxin and Rayleena.

Ms. Carrie, Ms. Christina, Ms. Ang, Ms.  
Megan and Ms. Laura

### Upcoming Dates to Note for Closure

- Columbus Day - October 11<sup>th</sup>
- Veteran's Day - November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Holiday -  
November 25-26, 2021

## Playing in the Sandbox News

Welcome to the Orange Room Adaline, Alex, Ben, Cameron, Estelle, Griffin, Heidi, Joey, Lexi, Mara Jade, Robert, Ronan, Rocky, and Ryan! We are excited to get to know you and your families. We have so many wonderful things planned to stimulate academic, physical, emotional and social development.

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. Classroom jobs will be an integral part of our day as we learn responsibility and pride in being part of a classroom community of learners and helpers. We will also 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 and My Family" activities.

Throughout the month of September, we will introduce our math curricula and dive right into working with single digit numerals. We will also introduce our literacy program (Leveled Literacy Intervention by Fountas and Pinnell) and supportive activities to begin exploring with letters, sounds 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 and discovery weekly. Our specials each week will include: Amazing Athletes, Gym, Social Skills, Fine Motor Skills, and Music Class. Art will be integrated into Structured Play, Learning Stations, and Fine Motor activities.

Please remember that the Orange Room school day begins at 9 AM and we like to get busy right away so we can make the most of our time together!



## Green Room News

Welcome to the Green Room! We are so excited to have, Eliza, Gus, Joseph, Jack, Chloe, Oliver, Sam, Callen, Brennan, Niko, Clay, Theeran, Daniel, Zen, Emily and, Oili this year!! We want to wish a very happy birthday to Daniel, Emily and, Theeran 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. Math and science activities will be incorporated in the Apple 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 unit, we look at our families and how they might be the same or different. To help us with our family project, please email ([ellem@spottedzebra.org](mailto:ellem@spottedzebra.org)) or send in pictures of your family members. Please label them and limit the number to 5 and 7. We will be using these as part of an art project, so they will be cute 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. Kim, Ms. Elle, Ms. Christiana & Ms. Liz

Before we close, please join us in wishing a Happy Birthday to Cameron, Alex, Griffin, and Ryan this month! Happy Belated Birthday to Estelle, Lexi, and Ben, who celebrated in August!

Ms. Carol, Mrs. Sbardella, Mr. Jason, and Miss Casey

