

THE SPOTTED ZEBRA

Learning Center

August 2026

Reminders:

- ❖ The last day of Summer Special Education Programming is 8/14
- ❖ The center is open from 8/17-8/28 for childcare only
- ❖ The 26-27 school year begins 9/9!



Admin News

Welcome to the last month of our Summer Program!

It has been a joy getting to see friendships blossom, personalities come out, and older students take on leadership roles as the summer comes to a close. To all of our students that are transitioning to new schools, we are so proud of all of the growth and progress you made and we hope you thrive in your new school! Please come back and visit, we'd love to hear all about it! To all of our students that will be coming back in September, we hope you have a wonderful end of August, and we can't wait to see you again soon!

As August marks the end of our Summer program, we have some notes about important dates to share regarding the next school year:

Friday August 14 marks the last day of our Summer Special Education Program.

The center will be open from **8/17-8/29 for preschool/daycare only.**

The center will be **closed from 8/31-9/7** for some touch ups and rest.

We will be having a parent supply drop off on **Tuesday September 8 from 3-4.** Come and drop off extra clothes, diapers, or anything else your child might need during the school day.

The 2026-2027 school year begins on **Wednesday September 9.**

We hope everyone has a relaxing end to the summer! If you have any questions, please reach out!

Ms. Sheri, Mr. Matt, Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachael, Ms. Jenna, and Mr. Derek

What is Happening in the Classrooms...



Teal Room News

Hello Families,

Welcome to August! We can't believe our Extended School Year program is already coming to an end. We are looking forward to spending these final two weeks celebrating friendships, having fun, and reflecting on all of the wonderful memories we've made together this summer.

Our August theme will be Friendship & Fun! Throughout these last two weeks, we will focus on building positive relationships, practicing kindness, working together, and celebrating each child's unique strengths. Through hands-on activities, games, stories, music, movement, and creative art projects, children will continue developing important communication, social, motor, and early learning skills while enjoying special end-of-summer experiences.

As we wrap up our summer together, we will celebrate all that our students have accomplished and the friendships they have built along the way. We are so proud of the growth each child has shown and are grateful for the opportunity to learn, laugh, and create lasting memories together.

We hope you all have a wonderful end to your summer, and we wish each of our families the very best as we prepare for an exciting new school year!

-Ms. Heather, Ms. Sara, Ms. Khrista, Ms. Kaitlin, Ms. Alli, and Ms. Kelly



Violet Room News

Summer is flying by! We can't believe that it's already August and the year has almost passed. Our classroom has been full of excitement all year long, and the summer program is now in full swing! Violet room friends have been enjoying plenty of time outside on the playground, in the sprinklers, and going for walks. We've really enjoyed exploring a variety of water toys on our sprinkler days, splitting our outside time between two playgrounds, and enjoying plenty of summer-themed activities when we need to cool off indoors. Our beginning themes for July, outer space and robots, were a bit hit! We engaged in plenty of creative, open-ended art projects and hands-on activities. We have also had a blast exploring themes related to the season, especially picnic foods and ice cream!

In the month of August, we will be swimming into everything ocean-related and enjoying a fun-filled carnival theme. We will begin our month at the shoreline with the carnival and the beach before we dive down below to discover ocean animals in our last week of program. We are so excited to spend the last few weeks of summer engaging in new and exciting activities & play opportunities with all of our friends. It has been a wonderful year together and August will surely bring more excitement! The last day of special education programming is August 14th. The center will be closed the week of August 31st-September 4th and will reopen for the new school year on September 9th. Please continue to send in labeled water bottles daily and water play supplies each Monday & Thursday. We appreciate you dressing your children in playground-appropriate footwear each day and consistently checking in on their supplies.

Ms. Brittany, Ms. Laura, Ms. Terry, and Ms. Allison



Blue Room News

Hello Families!

It's hard to believe that our summer is coming to an end! Time flies when you're having fun.

Our picnic and camping themes were a big hit! Students enjoyed creating many different crafts as well as learning and sharing what we would bring on a picnic/ camping trip.

Heading into August we will begin exploring all things outer space and ocean! We'll fly high exploring planets, stars, and galaxies then head back down to Earth and take a deep dive into our oceans to learn about all kinds of underwater life.

Water play has been a huge hit! We now have water tables, a splash pad, sprinkler, reusable water balloons, and spray bottles. It has been so amazing watching the kids play together and explore all the water toys.

Happy Birthday this month to:

Brandon - 8/4

Emma - 8/14

Reminders:

- Please continue to send a labeled water bottle
- The last day of Special Education Programming is Friday, August 14th.
- Spotted Zebra will remain open for preschool/childcare programming August 17th- August 28th
- Spotted Zebra will be closed August 31st- September 8th and will reopen Wednesday, September 9th for all students.

We've had such a fun and memorable school year and summer full of learning, laughing, and playing. Thank you families for sharing your amazing children with us and trusting us. For all our friends heading to new schools or classrooms, good luck, we'll miss you and can't wait to hear about all the wonderful things you will accomplish! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Ms. Jackie, Ms. Katina, and Ms. Jillian



Green Room News

As our summer program begins to wind down, it's hard to believe how quickly the weeks have flown by! We've had an incredible summer filled with laughter, learning, and so many special memories.

Our Summer Foods theme was a favorite! The children had so much fun making s'mores while learning about camping, the forest, and the animals that call it home. We also enjoyed bringing the beach to the classroom with exciting beach-themed activities that sparked lots of creativity and imagination.

Of course, one of the biggest highlights of the summer has been sprinkler days! Between the sprinklers, water tables, spray bottles, and reusable water balloons, the children found plenty of ways to stay cool during the warm weather. They especially loved cooling off by spraying the school—and even their teachers!

As we head into August, we'll dive beneath the waves to learn all about the ocean before ending our summer with an exciting Pirates and Mermaids theme. We can't wait for all the fun that is still to come!

As another wonderful school year ends, we want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's journey. Watching each child learn, grow, build friendships, and gain confidence has been such a joy, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have shared this year with them.

To all our families moving on to new adventures, we wish you nothing but happiness and success in the year ahead. We know your children will continue to do amazing things, and we hope they always remember the wonderful memories they made in the Green Room. Please know they will always have a special place in our hearts, and we hope you'll come back and visit us!

To our returning families, we hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and we can't wait to welcome you back in September for another year of fun, learning, and growth.

Thank you again for your kindness, support, and partnership throughout the year. It has truly been a wonderful year, and we are so grateful to have shared it with your amazing children.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer!

******Please be sure to read the Administrator's Note regarding our end-of-summer schedule and important upcoming dates.**

Ms. Michelle, Ms. Elle, and Ms. Jennifer



Orange Room News

Happy August!

It's hard to believe we're already wrapping up another wonderful summer in the Orange Room! The children have had such a fantastic time exploring, creating, and making memories together over the past several weeks. August will be filled with exciting hands-on experiences that celebrate the last days of summer while also helping children build confidence as they prepare for a new school year. Through play, creativity, and meaningful learning opportunities, we'll continue encouraging curiosity, independence, and friendships every day.

FYI: Please see Administrator's Note about End of Summer Schedules!

Here's a look at what we'll be exploring in August:

Bubbles – We'll kick off the month by diving into the fascinating world of bubbles! Children will experiment with making bubbles of different sizes, discover what helps bubbles float, and explore simple science concepts through hands-on investigations. Bubble art, outdoor bubble play, sensory activities, and movement games will encourage curiosity while strengthening observation and problem-solving skills.

Ice Cream & Summer Picnics – We'll celebrate some of summer's sweetest traditions with ice cream and picnic-themed fun! Our dramatic play area will become an ice cream shop where children can take turns serving customers, scooping pretend treats, and creating their own imaginative flavors. We'll also enjoy picnic-inspired games, crafts, stories, and group activities that encourage cooperation, conversation, and plenty of summertime smiles.

Preschool & Kindergarten Readiness – As summer comes to a close, we'll spend time strengthening the important skills children need for a successful school year. Through playful, developmentally appropriate activities, we'll practice recognizing letters and numbers, writing names, strengthening fine motor skills with scissors and pencils, following directions, and building independence with classroom routines. We'll also continue focusing on social-emotional skills like problem-solving, taking turns, communicating with friends, and working together. Our goal is to help every child feel confident, capable, and excited for the year ahead while remembering that every child grows and learns at their own pace.

As we enjoy these final weeks of summer, we'll continue spending plenty of time outdoors whenever the weather allows. Please continue sending your child with a labeled water bottle, weather-appropriate clothing, and an extra change of clothes in their cubby for water play and messy adventures.

We're looking forward to ending the summer with lots of laughter, learning, and special memories. Thank you for your continued support and partnership—we've loved spending the summer with your wonderful children and can't wait to make the most of our final weeks together!

Warmly,
Ms. Katie, Ms. Meghan, and Ms. Daphne
The Orange Room Team



Yellow Room News

Dear Yellow Room Families,

It has been an amazing start to our summer together! We have enjoyed getting to know your child, watching many new and old friendships grow, and exploring new activities together that encourage creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. It has been exciting to see all of the wonderful ways they have grown through play, exploration, and discovery.

In August, we will continue our summer topics discovering and learning about mermaids and pirates! We are hoping to find treasure while using our imaginations to explore the seas on a pirate treasure hunt adventure. We'll also dive into the magical world of mermaids through stories, ocean-themed sensory play, crafts, and imaginative adventures beneath the sea. To celebrate the end of summer, we will enjoy Carnival Week! It will be a week filled with laughter, games, crafts, and special surprises as we celebrate all the wonderful memories we've made together this summer.

We will continue weaving social-emotional learning into all of our activities, which will focus on:

- **Friendship Skills** – Through cooperative games and partner activities, we will practice sharing, taking turns, including others, and using kind words to build strong friendships.
- **Problem-Solving Skills** – We will encourage children to think of solutions, work through challenges together, and practice asking for help when they need it.
- **Teamwork and Cooperation** – During our pirate & mermaid adventures, carnival games, and classroom activities, children will learn the importance of working together, listening to others, and celebrating each other's successes.

Friendly reminder to continue sending in:

- Water bottle each day to stay hydrated
- Full change of labeled clothes to stay in their cubby
- Labeled bathing suit, towel, and water shoes for water play days (*Monday and Thursday* are our scheduled days!)
- Labeled sunscreen as needed to stay at school. We will apply it before we go outside to keep everyone sun safe!

It has been so nice to spend the summer learning, laughing, and growing with everyone. We cannot wait to make a few more special memories together this August!

With Joy,
The Yellow Room Team

Meet the Spotted Zebra Herd!

Therapists and Special Educators

Ms. Juli	Psychology
Ms. Marlis	OT
Ms. Kaylyn	Speech (Yellow)
Ms. Caitlin	OT (V, B, O)
Ms. Rachel C	Speech (Orange)
Ms. Rachel M	Music
Ms. Carla	OT (Y, G)
Ms. Allison S	Speech (Violet)
Ms. Wendy	Speech
Ms. Cindy	PT (B, G, O)
Ms. Allison R	PT (Y, V, Teal)
Ms. Jesse	Speech (Blue)
Ms. Olivia	Speech (Green)
Ms. Kelly	OT (Teal)
Ms. Kaitlin	Speech (Teal)

Offsite Therapists

Ms. Nicole G	Speech
Ms. Kathi	PT
Mr. Peter	OT
Ms. Nicole S	SEIT
Ms. Sarah	PT
Ms. Wendy	Speech
Ms. Laura D	Speech
Ms. Debbie	PT
Ms. Claire	Speech
Ms. Kaitlin	Speech

Floating Teachers

Ms. Karen
Ms. Allison K
Ms. Josilyn
Ms. Jennifer S
Ms. Dillyn
Ms. Jescyka
Ms. Kiley
Ms. Mollie
Ms. Maeghan
Ms. Alaina

Admin Team

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Ms. Victoria
Ms. Jenna
Mr. Derek

