

THE SPOTTED ZEBRA

Learning Center

August 2025

Reminders:

- The last day of Special Education Programming is 8/15, the center is open from 8/18-8/22 for Preschool/Childcare Programming
- The center is closed from 8/25-9/2
- The 25-26 school year begins on 9/3!



Admin News

Happy August! Hopefully everyone has been enjoying some cooler temperatures as we begin to close out the summer. We've loved getting to spend the season with our friends at the school, and we hope everyone has a great transition to fall, whether it's here or somewhere else!

As we gear up for another wonderful school year, we're excited to share a few updates from the admin team!

Jenna, who many of you know from her time supporting the Orange Room, is officially joining our administrative team. She will be focusing on early childhood programming and curriculum support across the agency. We're thrilled to welcome her in this new role! We're also happy to share that Matt is stepping into the role of Director of Operations. His new position will help ensure that both our classrooms and the broader agency have the structure and support needed as we continue to grow.

This year, we are also launching a new curriculum across all classrooms—Teaching Strategies. This research-based framework will support developmentally appropriate, play-based learning and help guide each child's individual growth through observation and intentional planning.

We can't wait to welcome students and families back this fall—and to introduce some new faces joining our team in every department. Stay tuned!

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

What is Happening in the Classrooms...



Teal Room News

Dear Families,

The Teal Room has been soaking up every bit of summer fun! Our favorite activities this month have been water play and sensory play outside—there's nothing like splashing, pouring, and exploring textures in the sunshine.

We've been so lucky to have Ms. Megan and Ms. Shawna join our classroom this summer. Their energy, creativity, and warmth have made such a difference, and we've seen wonderful progress and growth in our play skills. It's been amazing to watch friendships bloom and confidence grow.

As we wrap up summer, we're already excited for fall—a fresh season to meet new friends and welcome our new teacher into the Teal Room family. We can't wait for the adventures ahead!

**Ms. Megan, Ms. Lauren, Ms. Sara,
Ms. Mollie, and Ms. Shawna**



Violet Room News

Summer is flying by! We can't believe that it's already August and the school year has almost passed. This year has been full of excitement and 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. The kiddos have really enjoyed exploring a variety of water toys on our sprinkler days. Our beginning themes for July—dinosaurs and pirates—were a huge hit! We engaged in plenty of fantastical dramatic play, sailing across the seas and having dino battles. 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! We will begin our month at the shoreline with the beach before we dive down below to discover ocean animals in our last week of program. The last day of special education programming is August 15th. Non-program week will take place the week of August 18th-22nd. The center will be closed the week of August 25th-August 29th and will reopen for the new school year on September 3rd.

Please continue to send in labeled water bottles daily and water play supplies each Wednesday and Friday. We appreciate you dressing your children in playground-appropriate footwear each day and consistently checking in on their supplies.

Lastly, we'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Evie (6th)!

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



Blue Room News

August sounds like it will be an exciting and enriching month for kids! The activities planned, such as making friendship bracelets, good luck bears, and family portraits, will not only enhance their creativity but also strengthen bonds with friends and family. Celebrating National Sandwich Month by creating friendship sandwiches will be a fun twist that combines cooking with friendship making. It's a wonderful opportunity to inspire happiness and create joyful memories. Spreading positive and cherishing moments together will surely make August a month to remember!

August is a great time for kids to learn about the end of summer, back-to-school preparations, and the changing seasons. They can also explore themes like nature, food, and family fun. National Immunization Awareness Month is also observed in August, which is a good opportunity to discuss the importance of vaccines.

We are grateful for your continued encouragement, and we look forward to a month full of learning and celebration! We appreciate your continued support and enthusiasm. For important information, please refer to the "N.B. part" within the weekly lesson plans and Class Dojo.

Ms. Sunita, Ms. Katina, Ms. Jackie



Green Room News

It's hard to believe that we're already nearing the end of our summer program—time really does fly when you're having fun!

Our Summer Foods unit was a huge hit with the kids! They loved making S'mores, squeezing fresh lemonade, and snacking on juicy watermelon. We explored the joys of camping and dove deep into the ocean to learn all about the amazing animals that live under the sea.

The sprinkler has been a favorite in the Green Room! Along with water tables, spray bottles, and reusable water balloons, the kids had a blast staying cool and splashing around—especially when they got to spray the school (and their teachers)!

As August begins, we'll head to the beach and then set sail into the magical world of pirates and mermaids!

Reminders:

- Please continue to send in a **labeled water bottle**—we take them outside with us every day.
- The last day of **Special Education programming** is **August 15th**.
- Spotted Zebra will remain open for preschool/childcare programming through August 22nd.
- We'll be **closed August 25th–29th** and will **reopen for the first day of school on September 3rd**.

We've had such a fun and memorable school year together full of learning, laughter, and growth. Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. We hope everyone enjoys their time off, and we wish all our friends the best of luck in their next school adventure. We'll miss you and can't wait to hear about all the wonderful things you'll do!

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



Orange Room News

Ahoy families!

As we begin to wrap up an exciting summer, we're looking forward to diving into new adventures with pirates, mermaids, and more camping fun! The children have been so engaged, and we can't wait to continue exploring these exciting themes together.

Last month, we had a blast learning about summer foods and ocean animals—thank you for all the support and enthusiasm at home. The kids loved discovering sea creatures and tasting some seasonal favorites!

We also want to thank you for consistently sending your children in with sunscreen and water play gear. It makes all the difference in keeping our days running smoothly and safely.

A reminder: we will continue water play on Tuesdays and Fridays for the rest of the summer. Please make sure towels, bathing suits, and other items are labeled with your child's name—many of the children have similar or identical items, and this helps us keep everything organized.

Thank you for being such a wonderful part of the Orange Room community!

Warmly,
The Orange Room Team



Yellow Room News

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we've already made it to August! The summer has flown by, and we've been making the most of it. Over the past few weeks, the children have been enjoying the sunshine with plenty of time outdoors—splashing during water play and having fun on the playground. These experiences have brought so much joy and laughter to our days!

Inside the classroom, we've been learning about Superflex, our superhero friend who helps us become flexible thinkers! The children have been introduced to several of the "Unthinkables" like Rock Brain, Glass Man, Space Invader, Destroyer of Fun, and Worry Wall. We've been exploring how Superflex gives us the tools to work through challenges, solve problems, and make positive choices throughout our day. It's been wonderful watching the students begin to recognize these characters and apply strategies with support.

As we head into the final stretch of our program, we'll continue to build on these important social-emotional skills while diving into two exciting new themes: Camping & Forest Animals and Back to School! These themes will offer lots of opportunities for exploration, creativity, and continued learning through play.

A few reminders to help us make the most of these last few weeks:

Please continue to send your child with:

- A bathing suit
- Sunscreen
- A labeled towel
- A full change of clothes

Thank you for all your support in helping your child have a fun, safe, and successful summer experience. We're looking forward to a strong finish to a wonderful program!

Warmly,
The Yellow Room Team

Meet the Spotted Zebra Herd!

Therapists and Special Educators

Ms. Juli	Psych
Ms. Marlis	OT (O, V)
Ms. Shawna	Speech
Ms. Kaylyn	Speech (Yellow)
Ms. Caitlin	OT (V, B)
Ms. Rachel J	Speech (Orange)
Ms. Rachel M	Music
Ms. Carla	OT (Y, B, G)
Ms. Allison T	Speech (Violet)
Ms. Wendy	Speech
Ms. Cindy	PT (B, G, O)
Ms. Laura	Speech
Ms. Allison R	PT (Y, V)
Ms. Jesse	Speech (Blue)
Ms. Olivia	Speech (Green)

Offsite Therapists

Ms. Shawna	Speech
Ms. Nicole Ge	Speech
Ms. Kathi	PT
Mr. Peter	OT
Ms. Nicole S	SEIT
Ms. Sarah	PT
Ms. Wendy	Speech
Ms. Laura D	Speech

Floating Teachers

Ms. Chantal
Ms. Alaina
Ms. Karen
Ms. Emily
Ms. Allison K
Ms. Thea
Ms. Nicole Gr
Ms. Tristyn
Ms. Josilyn
Ms. Ariel
Ms. Ella

Admin Team

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