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# The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

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February 2023





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



### VIOLET ROOM NEWS

During the month of January, we learned the steps on how to get dressed to go out to play in the snow, identified animals that hibernate in the winter, had a fun-filled pajama party which included hot cocoa and trail mix, and learned about the Northern lights and the animals that live in the cold Arctic.

The themes for the month of February are winter sports, Valentine's Day, Nursery Rhymes and the author of the month is Mo Williams.

We will focus on the letters Q, R, and S this month. Thank you for taking the time to fill the alphabet bag with very creative letter of the week items. The time and energy you are putting forth is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to send in extra clothes, underwear, and pull-ups if you should get a note from us. Our community supply of paper towels, Lysol wipes and glue sticks are running low. We are grateful for all the donations that have been sent in over the last several months.

A separate letter was sent out about the classroom Valentine's Day Party. The supplies needed will be posted outside the Violet Room door and online.

During the month of February, we will introduce classroom jobs to give the little ones a sense of responsibility.

**Ms. Nicole, Ms. Chris, Ms. Laura, Ms. Lauren, and Ms. Heather**

**-February 20<sup>th</sup>- we are closed for President's Day 😊**



## Blue Room News

January was a very busy month in the Blue Room. We welcomed Ms. Kaylyn (Speech Therapist) to the Blue Room. Themes we explored in January centered around the winter season. Topics included: snowmen and how we dress in the winter. We ended the month with animals that hibernate or migrate in the winter. Russel the Bear sent us Dakota the Traveling Husky, while he is in Hibernation.

In February we will finish up with Hibernation, followed by Kindness, leading up to Valentine's Day with a theme revolving around love, hearts, and friendship. We will end February with our Candy Shop themed Dramatic play. We will introduce money, scales, weight, ex. what weighs less or more...

Tuesday February 14th we will have our Valentine's Day Ice Cream Sundae Party. A list of students was sent home along with what item to send in for our party. We do our best to go out daily. Outside play all depends on the temperature. We are closed for Presidents Day 2/20/2023, Non-Program week is 2/20/2023-2/24/2023.

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Thank You,

**Ms. Katina, Ms. Danielle, Ms. Sara, Ms. Casey, and Ms. Kaylyn**



## Bizzy Beez News

We blew through January and can hardly believe it is over! As we approach February we start to look forward to the thought of warmer days ahead! Will the ground hog see his shadow? Only time will tell!! Fingers crossed for an early Spring!

Our friends will learn all about dental health to help bring awareness of how to care of your teeth properly during Dental Health week. We are hoping to have a visit from a local dentist.

Love is in the air for our week long Valentine's celebration; Reminder to be working on your valentine mailbox with your families. We will be distributing them on Valentine's Day!

We will pause for our February break (Feb. 20th-24th) and come back in and dig into dinosaurs.

Happy Birthday to Luca and Grant!

**Ms. Carrie, Ms. Kari, Ms. Hope, Ms. Rachel, Ms. Marlis and Ms. Megan**



## Green Room News

The Green Room has settled into the New Year and the classroom is in full swing with friends learning and playing. It's hard to believe January is almost over, and February will be here before we know it! We will finish up January with our arctic animals and exploring where they live and how they survive in the cold. Our February themes will be hibernation, all about Valentines, dinosaurs, and Dr. Seuss.

Lots of fun will be had for Valentine's Day! We will be having an ice cream social followed by fun Valentine's Day themed games. More details will be coming soon. A list of student's names will be going home soon to help friends with Valentine's Day cards. We will finish the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with an author study. So much fun to be had!

Our Handwriting without tears writing programs continues to be very successful with our friends learning the alphabet and developing phonemic awareness. We will be introducing letters with slanted lines in February (R, W, A, X, etc.)

Our Dr. Seuss theme is a perfect week for rhyming words and word families. As always, we talk about pointing to the words while we read and using the pictures to help tell a story. In science we will learn about shadows (Happy Ground Hog's Day, Feb. 2nd). In math we will reinforce patterning skills and counting during calendar and have fun with the heart shapes and matching shapes.

Keep your fingers crossed for some warm weather days so we can go out and enjoy some fresh air!  
Hope everyone has a fantastic February!

**Mrs. Christina, Ms. Elle, Ms. Sammy, Ms. Ang**



## Orange Room News

Can you believe that it is almost the 100th day of school?! We have loved counting the days of school, which has helped us practice how to count to 100 by 1s, 10s, and 5s. Our 100th Day Dog, Ray, has been helping us count and describe our days of school from day one. We are now counting the last group of 10 with Ray and our crayon boxes! We have brainstormed some ideas to celebrate, which includes what we will do, eat, and wear. Be on the lookout in your child's mail folder for the details to prepare for the 100th Day of School Project and how and when we will celebrate.

February brings the following topics to embed into our academic curricula – Groundhog's Day (seasons, weather, shadows), Artists (color theory, art media), Black History Month (leadership, innovation), Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day (leadership, coins, monuments, goals), and Dental Health. One of our Orange Room families is excited to plan a visit and teach us about presidents this month. We always welcome and enjoy our families coming in to teach us something that they value and want to share with others. Please, always let us know if you would also like to do so and we will make it happen!

In math, we will continue with flat (2-D) and solid (3-D) shapes. After we master describing these shapes, we will explore building various objects and pictures with them. Showing and writing teen numbers is next.

Letters Q, G, and S come next in the Learning Without Tears curriculum. With each new letter, the children enjoy meeting new characters, learning about letter sounds and shapes, thinking about problems and their solutions, and telling the story in order using the setting and other key details.

This month, we would like to wish Zen a Happy Birthday on February 18th! Have a great February everyone!

**Ms. Carol, Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Sunita, Ms. Brittany, and Ms. Danielle**