

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

FEBRUARY 2022



What is Happening in the Classrooms....

VIOLET ROOM NEWS

Happy February families!

We have lots of fun filled themes planned for the month. We will be learning about Winter Sports, Valentine's Day/hearts, Nursery Rhymes, and Dr. Seuss,

We will continue with the letter of the week. Last month we learned about the letter L, F, and E. This month's letters are H, T, I, U. There are a lot of great songs on YouTube to reinforce these letters as well as apps for the children to practice tracing, some of which we use in the class.

Now that winter is here please send in LABELED snow clothes (hats, mittens, snow pants, boots etc...) for your child daily. We go outdoors as long as the temperature is above 32 degrees.

We would like to wish a special "Happy Birthday" wish to Corina and Trinity who both will be celebrating birthdays this month.

Ms. Danielle, Ms. Chris, Ms. Katina, Ms. Lauren and Ms. Heather



Blue Room News

January was a very busy month in 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 a unit on Jan Brett books. We are getting onto a nice routine with our new teacher assistant Miss Brittany. Miss Kathryn is still with us during program hours as a 1:1 aide. In the gym we have been playing more structured games such "Duck, Duck Goose" and "Red Light, Green Light". Please sign up for our Google classroom if you have not done so yet. We will be posting activities as well as reminders.

In February we will lead up to Valentine's Day with a theme revolving around love, hearts and friendship. Please check the Google classroom for information (including a class list) related to our Valentine's Day party, which will take place on Monday February 14th. We will also be learning about arctic animals as well as animals that hibernate or migrate in the winter. We are hoping the weather will warm up soon so we can get outside more often. Once it is warm enough to play in the snow we will let you know the day before via our Google classroom. This will allow you time to send in the necessary clothing.

Ms. Erica, Ms. Jenna, Ms. Kathryn, Ms. Brittany & Ms. Karen



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.

Love is in the air for our weeklong Valentine's celebration; a class list has been sent home to help with Valentine's Day cards. We will be distributing them on Valentine's Day! We will pause for our February break (Feb. 21st-25th) and come back in and dig into dinosaurs. Happy Birthday to Charlotte and Logan!

Ms. Carrie, Ms. Christina, Ms. Mary, Ms. Ang, Ms. Marlis and Ms. Megan

Upcoming Dates to Note for Holiday Closures

- Presidents' Day - February 21, 2022
- Bizzy Beez Preschool Closed - February 22-25th
- No special education programming February 22-25th

Orange Room News

January flew by quickly and it seems too soon to welcome February, but here we are nonetheless. Though January seemed to pass by quickly, the children learned a lot about acceptance, appreciation, and tolerance of diversity, and their friendships, as well as spirit of community within the classroom, grew even stronger. In fact, their teamwork earned them a special In-School Snow and Pajama Day. They enjoyed a cozy day in their jammies with lovies, hot chocolate, a Snowy Day movie, snowball fight, and special snack. All had snow much fun!

In February learning themes and topics will be: Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, Inventors, Black History, Dental Health, 100th Day of School, Valentine's Day, Presidents, and Friendships. A lot will be packed into a short month with a break the week of 2/21. School will be closed on 2/21; however, wrap-around care is available for the rest of the week. Please let us know if your child will attend some or all of the days so that we can plan accordingly.

The children have made nice gains in number sense involving 0-10 and are ready to identify and order numbers 11-20. After a review, subtraction within 0-10 will be introduced. We will also work with 2D shapes this month. Graphing and comparing amounts continues to be part of our everyday activities.

Comprehension of texts read in a small group and read aloud to the large group will continue to be part of our daily learning. Understanding of vocabulary is central to writing and drawing activities. We will continue to work with syllables within words, as well as, phonics with consonants and vowels in groups. All are demonstrating proficiency with tracking print and 1:1 correspondence.

Be on the lookout for the class list in your child's mail folder, as well as a Sign-up Genius email regarding Valentine's Day. We will also celebrate our 100th Day of School this month. In addition, Joey (Joanne) and Mr. Jason will be celebrating their birthdays this month – Happy Birthday, Joey; Happy Birthday, Mr. Jason!!

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



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 that January is over and February is here.

We have two birthdays to celebrate this month. Happy Birthday to Zen (18th) and Gus (28th)!

In February will be looking at arctic animals and exploring where they live and how they survive in the cold, Valentine's Day and end the month with an author study on Dr. Seuss! We will celebrate Valentine's Day by hosting a small Valentine's Day dance followed by our favorite special story! Details will be coming soon. A list of student's names will go 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!!

Handwriting without tears and Sounds in Motion 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.

Please send in snow pants and boots labeled with your child's name, we will be going outside when it is warm enough!

Hope everyone has a fantastic February!

Ms. Kim, Ms. Elle, Ms. Christiana & Ms. Liz