

# The Spotted Zebra Learning Center



January 2023



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



### VIOLET ROOM NEWS

Happy New Year and welcome 2023! We hope all the Violet Room families had a joyous holiday along with a fun-filled and peaceful break.

Exciting themes for the month of January will focus on the season of winter, snowmen (small, medium and large), forest animals/hibernation, arctic animals, and winter sports. We will also discuss the weather, clothing, and all the fun activities that we can do in the winter (inside and outside). As far as letter recognition, we will be focusing on letters I, U, C, and L during the month of January. The Violet Room will also be reading several fun books all about the season of winter!

Now that winter is here and the cold weather has arrived, please send in appropriate clothing for the weather and label all items (hats, mittens, snow pants, boots, ect..). We do go outdoors as long as the temperature is above 32 degrees.

We would like to wish a special "Happy Birthday" to Rachel this month!

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

**-We are closed January 16th for MLK, Jr. Day**

**-Wed. January 11<sup>th</sup> 7-8 PM:**

**2023-2024 KINDERGARTEN**

**INFORMATION SESSION**



## Blue Room News

Happy New Year!! We welcome you back to school and are excited for the New Year. We had fun learning about all December holidays and all of the celebrated traditions. The children enjoyed our Polar Express Pom-Pom pajama party. We are working hard to earn more Team Pom-Pom Parties. We will be introducing individual Fill your gumball machine reward system. Every time a child "fills" their gumball machine (5 gumballs), they will choose a prize from our prize box.

This month we will be learning about the season of Winter and Artic Animals. We will focus on the Winter weather, clothing and all the activities (inside and out) that we can do during the winter months. We will be practicing sequencing the events of the story, recalling details, and making predictions about what might happen next. The children will continue to work on numbers, letters, self-help skills, and start working on journal entries.

As the winter continues, we will try to go outside as much as possible. Please send in the appropriate clothing for the weather and label all items. We do our best to be sure that items do not get sent home with the wrong child and having it labeled will help. Lastly, we are so excited to have Ms. Kaylan (Speech Teacher) join the Blue Room Team!

We would like to wish a Very Happy Birthday to...

Michael Scaringe Jr.01/04

Max Merrikin 1/10

Emilia Sbardella 1/11

Benjamin Gordon 1/15

Thea Keller 01/20

Sonny Hallow 01/22

**Ms. Katina, Ms. Danielle, Ms. Sara, Miss Casey and Ms. Liz**



## Bizzy Beez News

Happy New Year!

Bizzy Beez is excited about the new year and all the amazing growth all of our kiddos have made over the first half of the school year! More great things are ahead!!

January is all about wintertime. We will read some of our favorite Jan Brett books and get ready for winter. Our friends will dive into snow and ice and have fun with snowmen. The month will wrap up with an expedition to the Arctic to learn all about polar bears and penguins.

We want to wish Ms. Kari, Levi and Kingston a very happy birthday this month!!

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



## Green Room News

Happy New Year!! We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and their time off. We welcome everyone back and are excited for the new year! We had so much fun learning different holidays celebrated around the world and their traditions. Your kiddos enjoyed participating in our pajama party and all the holiday fun. Thank you again for sending in all the goodies so we could decorate our Christmas Trees, they were a big hit with all your kiddos!

Winter will be our over encompassing theme for January and within that we will cover the following topics: winter and staying warm with winter clothing, snow, and snowmen. The second half of the month will be all about winter animals. We will be doing a Jan Brett author study, learning about arctic animals and, all about Hibernation. We are continuing with our handwriting program, we will be finishing up our curved line letters (U, C, O, Q, G). Your kiddos have been doing so well, and really enjoy all the activities that go along with our program.

Now that winter is here, please send in labeled snow clothing hats, mittens, snow pants, boots etc....) for your child on a daily basis. We go outside if the temperature is above 32 degrees.

Before we close, we would like to wish Raymond (3rd), Scarlett (3rd), Rosabella (15th) and Henry (18th) a very Happy Birthday!

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



## Orange Room News

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a rejuvenating holiday break, and lots of quality time with family and friends.

Overarching themes for this month will be: New Year goals; Martin Luther King, Jr. – kindness, fairness/doing right, and community; winter and frozen water – ice and snow; arctic animals and blubber science; continents and Biomes; and an author study on Jan Brett. Within those themes, the following skills will be introduced and practiced: making 6, 7, 8, and 9 with number combinations; patterns; graphing and reading charts; geometry – flat shapes (2D) and solid shapes (3D), shape and position, and building shapes; making predictions/asking questions/conducting experiments; We will also practice “Popcorn words”; “stretching out” words using syllables and beginning (initial), middle (medial), and ending sounds; digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh); and basic sentence structure, including punctuation.

During leveled reading groups the children will work, at their assessed pace, on letter learning (letter recognition and the shapes for writing a given letter) phonological awareness (letter sounds, rhyming) and meaning making (recall; re-tell; understanding events, characters, settings, and figuring out feelings.

We will continue to have enriching specials – Gym, Amazing Athletes, Social Skills Club, and Music Class. Science, the arts, and social studies will continue to be integrated into our themes and daily routines.

Before we close, Happy Birthday to Niko (1/8) and Emmett (1/29) this month! Happy New Year to all!!

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