



The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

January 2024



Reminders

- ❖ Center re-opens 01/02/24
- ❖ Center closed 1/15/24 for MLK, Jr. Day

Happy
New
Year

What is Happening in the Classrooms...



VIOLET ROOM NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and a restful break. We are all excited to welcome our friends back to school and to see what the new year brings in the Violet Room. We had so much fun with all the festivities and excitement of the last month! As we move into January we will focus more on the themes of winter, including hibernation, snow & ice, polar animals, and mittens! We will continue to discuss winter clothing, the weather, and winter activities. We will be exploring Jan Brett and her stories in depth as we progress through these themes.

As a reminder, please label all clothing/items sent in with your child to minimize lost belongings and mixups.

Lastly, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to Lucas (8th), Teddy J. (13th), Teddy C. (20th), Everly (21st) and Miss Brittany (22nd)

Ms. Brittany, Ms. Terry, Ms. Laura, Ms. Lauren, Ms. Allison, Ms. Sue, and Ms. Carla



Blue Room News

Happy New Year!! We welcome you back to school and are excited for the New Year. Wednesday January 3, 2024 we will have a "Noon Years" Celebration. We had fun learning about all December holidays and all the celebrated traditions. The children enjoyed our Polar Express Pajama party, but most of all enjoyed making their family gifts and making the Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Video.

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 continue practicing sequencing the events of the story, recalling details, and making predictions about what might happen next. The children will continue to work on writing their names, numbers, letters, self-help skills, and start working on journal entries. Our traveling "Class Pet" will be coming home with our Blue Room Friends Starting January 8, 2024.

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.

We would like to wish a Very Happy Birthday to... Kingston 1/22

Ms. Katina, Ms. Maria, Ms. Paige, Ms. Caitlin, Ms. Rachael, and Ms. Sue



Bizzy Beez News

Happy New Year! Bizzy Beez is excited about the new year and all the amazing growth all of our littles 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 have no birthdays this month!!

Ms. Carrie, Ms. Tami, Ms. Hope, Ms. Christiana, Ms. Nicole, Ms. Marlis, Ms. Megan, and Ms. Rachel



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, this month we will be starting to talk about 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 Max (10th), Rachel(13th) and Sonny(22nd)!

Ms. Elle, Mr. David, Ms. Kaylyn, Ms. Carla, and Ms. Sue,



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, an author study on Jan Brett. Within those themes, the following skills will be introduced and practiced: sorting, counting, and classifying objects up to ten; making 6, 7, 8, & 9; patterns; graphing and reading charts; geometry – flat shapes (2D) and solid shapes (3D), shape and position, and building shapes. This month we will focus on Ff, Bb, Cc, and Zz for letter identification and phonological awareness. 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.

We will continue to have enriching specials – Gym, Amazing Athletes, Social Skills Club, and Music Class. Ms. Caitlin has started a weekly Friday Book Club with us. Ms. Kaylyn will start a weekly special that alternates science, the arts, and social studies. As always, these topics will also continue to be integrated into our themes and daily routines.

Before we close, Happy Birthday to Michael and Emmie this month! Happy New Year to all!!

Ms. Carol, Ms. Megan, Ms. Meghan, Ms. Chris, Ms. Kaylyn, Ms. Caitlin, Ms. Tonya, and Ms. Sue