

THE SPOTTED ZEBRA

Learning Center

July 2025

Reminder:

- The center is closed on 7/4 in observance of Independence Day
- Summer programming begins 7/7!



Admin News

Happy Summer! Welcome to all of our new friends and families and welcome back to our returning ones! We are so excited to get to know each student and to watch friendships blossom as everyone gets acquainted.

Here at Spotted Zebra, we are all about everyone's growth; physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually. We love getting the privilege of watching our children and staff grow, and we love that our families build up a community that helps promote that as well. One of our methods to continually improve everyone's experience is our anonymous comment box by our back door. Please feel free to drop a note with a question, comment, concern, or anything else! Any and all feedback is valuable and helps us grow to match to the needs of our children.

If you have any questions about anything please email, leave a note, or come on up to the front of the building and we would love to help you out as best we can. Have a wonderful summer!

Please remember to label your children's extra clothes, lunch boxes, water bottles, and sunscreen so we can avoid mix-ups!

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

What is Happening in the Classrooms...



Teal Room News

Dear Families,

Welcome to Summer in the Teal Room! We're thrilled to kick off a season filled with sunshine, laughter, and plenty of opportunities to learn and grow together. It brings us so much joy to greet your children each morning and share in the fun and wonder of summertime learning.

We've planned an exciting lineup of activities that includes **sprinkler fun, water play, arts and crafts, music and movement, and lots of playground adventures** with our friends in the Blue Room. This summer, we're also excited to welcome **Ms. Megan**, who will be joining us to lead some special activities throughout the season!

To help your child have the best possible experience, we kindly ask that you send them in each day with the following items:

- A labeled **water bottle**
- **Sunscreen** already applied, with extra sent in for reapplication
- A **bathing suit** and **towel** for water play days (**Mondays and Thursdays**)
- A full **change of clothes**, just in case

We also want to give a big birthday shoutout to **Vivianna**, who is celebrating her special day this month — Happy Birthday, Vivianna!

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to a memorable and joy-filled summer with your little ones!

Warmly,

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



Violet Room News

Hello, sunshine! It's hard to believe that the school year has come to a close and we are already moving into a fun-filled summer season. Graduation was a wonderful celebration of our friends and everything that they have accomplished so far! We are so proud of them and wish to thank all of our parents for showing up to cheer them on and share in their joy with us. We are all so thankful for your support through this entire school year. You have made so many wonderful things possible for your dear children. We are sad to say goodbye to our friends Aiden, Elijah, Finn, Kai, Kaleb, and Sonny, who are moving on to new classrooms. We have had so much fun with you this year and wish you a great summer; We'll miss you!

We are excited to welcome new friends that will be joining our classroom for the summer: Clover, Graham, Joseph, Madeline, and Sterling. We can't wait to meet you! During the month of July, we are ready to dive into fun and adventurous themes as we sink into the summer heat. We will begin our month talking about the grand adventures of dinosaurs and pirates before we start to cool off with themes surrounding early summer foods and fun: summer picnic and ice cream! We can't wait to explore these fun-filled topics with plenty of our usual hands-on, creative activities, as well as incorporating new experiences in cooking, creation, and imaginative play.

Summer brings a wealth of opportunities for outside learning that we plan to take full advantage of. We look forward to spending as much time as possible outside, enjoying the sunshine. Please be sure that you are dressing your child in playground appropriate clothing and footwear (i.e. sneakers or shoes, hats or sunglasses if preferred) each day, and that you have checked-in on your child's spare materials to ensure they have an adequate supply of seasonal clothing. We will be engaging in water-play through the summer, so please be on the lookout for information regarding supplies and necessities. We appreciate your cooperation in safe outdoor experiences.

We'd like to wish a Happy Birthday to Ms. Laura(1st), Eddie(6th), Joseph(21st), and Dax(24th). Lastly, we'd like to congratulate Ms. Allison, who is getting married this month!

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



Blue Room News

Hi Families, it sounds like an exciting and enriching summer program! Welcoming new friends and focusing on understanding classroom rules is a wonderful way to start. Incorporating themes like animals, camping, and Care Bears for social and emotional development is a fantastic strategy. Additionally, including water play and nature exploration will undoubtedly enhance the summer experience for the kids. Creating a vibrant and supportive environment will foster essential skills and nurture their growth. Enjoy every moment of this fun-filled adventure!

This month, the kids will learn about empathy, caring, and positive role models because care bears are demonstrating important character traits and behaviors. This can enhance preschooler's language skills as well as learning to express their feelings and engage in essential social emotional concepts. In the month of July, kids will get engaged to develop fine motor skills, creativity, hand and eye coordination by making sea animal crafts and other them related arts and crafts. Thank you all for your continuous support and involvement in their journey.

We are excited to celebrate three upcoming birthdays in July.

Lily Anderson – 07/14

Benjamin Cramer – 07/16

Reid McWalter-07/28

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

Hello and Happy Summer!

Graduation Day was absolutely wonderful—what a perfect way to celebrate all the hard work your amazing kiddos have done this year! Thank you so much for joining us and making the day so special. We're truly grateful for your continued support and partnership throughout a fantastic school year.

Now we're ready to kick off an exciting summer in the Green Room! We'll be spending lots of extra time outside and are thrilled to welcome two new friends to our group—Kaleb and Ashton!

This July, we're diving into all things summer! We'll begin with a fun theme on summer foods, where the kids will get to make and taste homemade treats. Then we'll head into the forest for a camping adventure—complete with learning about life under the stars. After that, we'll explore the ocean and discover the wonders of life underwater. There are so many exciting activities planned—we can't wait to get started!

And a big happy birthday to Kaleb and Ms. Michelle this month!

Here's to a summer full of sunshine, laughter, and learning!

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



Orange Room News

Hello Orange Room Families!

Summer is in full swing, and we are soaking up every moment with fun-filled activities and exciting themes! Over the next few weeks, we'll be exploring summer favorites like delicious seasonal foods, the ocean, and all things beachy. From sensory play to creative crafts, your little ones are diving into summer with curiosity and joy!

Outdoor Play

We'll be spending as much time outside as possible, so if you haven't already, please send in sunscreen for your child. We'll help apply it before outdoor time to keep everyone sun-safe!

Water Days – Tuesdays & Fridays

Water play is a highlight of our week! Please help your child be ready by sending them in their bathing suit on water days. Don't forget to pack the following (all labeled, please!):

- A towel
- Water shoes
- An extra set of clothes
- Plenty of water to stay hydrated

Important Reminder

We will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We hope you enjoy a safe and happy holiday with your family!

Thank you for helping us keep the fun flowing smoothly! We're excited for more summer adventures ahead.

Warmly,

The Orange Room Team 



Yellow Room News

Dear Yellow Room Families,

Welcome to our Yellow Room Summer Program! We're so thrilled to have your children with us this season—it's already shaping up to be a summer full of laughter, learning, and lots of outdoor fun.

As we settle into our summer routine, please remember to send your child each day with:

- Sunscreen
- A labeled bathing suit and towel for water play days
- A full change of clothes in their cubby
- A water bottle to stay hydrated

Water play is scheduled twice a week, weather permitting.

This summer, we're weaving social-emotional learning into all our activities. We will be focused on:

- Flexibility Skills – Learning how to adapt when plans change or things don't go exactly as expected. We used stories, role play, and group discussions to explore this skill.
- Identifying Emotions – Through games, songs, and picture books, children began learning to recognize and name their own feelings and those of others. This helps build empathy and strong communication skills.

Ask your child about our superhero "Superflex" or how they used their power of "flexible thinking" this week!

Our days have been full of engaging experiences including:

- Water Play – Splashing, pouring, and cooling off while building coordination and teamwork.
- Center Time – Exploring art, building, dramatic play, and sensory bins.
- Playground/Gym Time – Daily fun to burn energy and build friendships.

Thank you for being part of our Yellow Room family. Here's to a safe, sunny, and enriching summer ahead!

With Joy,

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

Ms. Sheri
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Ms. Rachael
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