

THE SPOTTED ZEBRA

Learning Center

July 2026

Reminders:

- ❖ The Center is closed on 7/3 in observance of Independence Day
- ❖ Our Summer Special Education Session starts on 7/6!



Admin News

Happy Summer!

Welcome to all 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, water play clothes, lunch boxes, water bottles, and sunscreen so we can avoid mix-ups!

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

What is Happening in the Classrooms...



Teal Room News

Hello Families,

Welcome to July and the start of our Extended School Year program! We are excited to spend the summer learning, exploring, and having fun together. This month, our classroom themes will focus on summer, camping, and the beach. We will begin the month by exploring all things summer! Children will learn about sunny weather, summer clothing, and outdoor activities through hands on sensory experiences, art projects, songs, and stories. We will practice important skills such as following routines, communicating with others, and participating in group activities while celebrating the joys of the summer season.

Next, we will head off on a camping adventure! Children will explore the outdoors through camping-themed dramatic play, pretend campfires, nature-inspired art, and activities featuring animals commonly found in forests and campgrounds. We will encourage curiosity and imagination as students learn about tents, hiking, fishing, and other camping experiences. To wrap up the month, we will visit the beach! Students will engage in beach-themed sensory play with sand and water, create ocean and beach-inspired artwork, and explore seashells, crabs, and other coastal treasures. Through music, movement, stories, and hands-on activities, children will discover the fun and excitement of a day at the shore.

Throughout the month, we will continue building communication, social, motor, and early learning skill through engaging activities designed to meet each child's individual needs. We look forward to a wonderful July filled with learning, laughter, and summer adventures!

We can't wait to make special summer memories together!

-Ms. Heather, Ms. Sara, Ms. Khrista, Ms. Kaitlin, Ms. Alli, and Ms. Kelly



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. We are all so thankful for your support through this entire school year. You have made so many wonderful things possible for your children.

This summer is a mix of emotions as we say goodbye to old friends and welcome new ones, too. We are sad to say goodbye to our friends Addelyn, Cambree, Graham, Juliette, Musa, & Raeyla, 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! On the other hand, we are excited to welcome some new friends that will be joining our classroom this month: Harper, Kahlai, Quinn, Lindsey, Nicholas, & Zion. We can't wait to meet you! Additionally, Ms. Allison will be joining the Yellow Room for the summer, and we are excited to welcome Ms. Jessie as our speech pathologist for this upcoming session. During the month of July, we are ready to dive into fun and adventurous themes as we sink deep into the summer heat. We will begin our month getting technical while talking about robots and space before we start to cool off with themes surrounding early summer foods and fun. We can't wait to explore fun-filled topics like summer fruits & ice cream with plenty of our usual hands-on activities. We'll continue incorporating new experiences in cooking, creation, and imaginative play as we progress through each theme.

Summer brings a wealth of opportunities for outside learning that we plan to take full advantage of by 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), Jason (13th), Joseph(21st), and Lindsey(23rd).

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



Blue Room News

Hello Families!

Graduation Day was so wonderful! We are so proud of everyone and their hard work. Thank you to all families for joining us on such a special day. We are so grateful for everyone's support throughout this year.

We are ready to kick off summer in the Blue Room! We will be spending a lot of time outside so please be sure to send in labeled water and sunscreen. Friendly reminder that sunscreen should also be applied at home each morning.

We have some exciting themes for the month of July! We are starting strong with ice cream week and picnic week, then we will continue through the month with camping and outer space themes. There are so many exciting things planned, and we can't wait to get started!

Happy Birthday this month to:

Finn- 7/13

Vivianna- 7/20

Ms. Jackie, Ms. Katina, and Ms. Jillian



Green Room News

Hello and Happy Summer!

Graduation Day was 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 five new friends to our group — **Finley, Gianna, Cameron, Carter and Esa!**

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 as forest animals — complete with learning about life under the stars. To finish the month, we will be taking a trip to the beach- we can't wait to get started!

We'll also be enjoying **sprinkler days** throughout the summer. Keep an eye out for details about when we'll start and what days to be prepared for. To help your child get the most out of water play, please send the following items at the beginning of each school week:

- A labeled swimsuit
- A towel
- Water shoes

And a big **happy birthday** to Kaleb, Ms. Michelle, Jade, Cade and Dax!

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

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



Orange Room News

Happy July!

We are so excited to continue our summer adventures together in the Orange Room! Summer programming brings a more relaxed, playful atmosphere to our classroom while still providing meaningful opportunities for learning, creativity, and social growth. The children have already been enjoying lots of hands-on exploration, outdoor play, sensory experiences, and special summer-themed activities, and we can't wait for all the fun July has in store!

We are also excited to welcome a new member to the Orange Room team this summer! Ms. Meghan will be joining us as our special education teacher for the summer program. She is new to the Orange Room and is looking forward to getting to know all of the children and families while helping make this summer full of fun, learning, and creativity.

This month, our themes will celebrate some of the best parts of summer—beaches, ocean creatures, pirates, mermaids, ice cream, and picnics! Through art, sensory play, music, movement, stories, and dramatic play, children will engage in exciting experiences that spark imagination and curiosity.

Here's a look at what we'll be exploring in July:

Ocean & Beach Adventures – We'll dive into all things ocean-related as we learn about sea animals, shells, waves, and life at the beach. Children will explore ocean sensory bins, create beach-inspired art projects, and enjoy water play activities while learning about creatures that live under the sea. We'll also incorporate stories, songs, and movement games that encourage imagination and exploration.

Pirates & Mermaids – Ahoy, matey! Our classroom will transform into a world of treasure maps, pirate ships, and underwater adventures. Children will enjoy dramatic play activities, treasure hunts, themed crafts, and storytelling inspired by pirates and mermaids. These activities encourage creativity, cooperation, problem-solving, and imaginative thinking.

Ice Cream Fun – One of summer's sweetest themes! We'll explore ice cream through pretend play, art, counting activities, sensory experiences, and colorful crafts. Children may even help create special frozen treats as we talk about favorite flavors, colors, and ways to stay cool during the warm summer days.

Picnics & Summer Fun – We'll celebrate summertime traditions with picnic-themed activities, outdoor games, and group experiences that encourage friendship and cooperation. Children will practice social skills through pretend picnics, collaborative games, and shared outdoor experiences while enjoying the sunshine and fresh air.

During summer programming, we spend lots of time outdoors whenever weather allows. Please continue sending your child with a labeled water bottle, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, and extra clothes for water play and messy activities. Sneakers or closed-toe shoes are especially helpful for safe outdoor play.

We are looking forward to a joyful month full of sunshine, laughter, creativity, and unforgettable summer memories. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us this summer—we are so excited to continue learning and exploring together in the Orange Room!

Warmly,
Ms. Katie, Ms. Meghan, and Ms. Daphne
The Orange Room Team



Yellow Room News

Dear Yellow Room Families,

Welcome to our Yellow Room Summer Program! We are 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.

This month, we will explore a variety of summer topics including the beach and ocean, camping, forest animals, and pirates & mermaids through dramatic play, crafts, music, and sensory play. We will be weaving social-emotional learning into all our activities, which will focus on:

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

Our days will be full of engaging in 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 off energy and build friendships.
- **Book Club** with Ms. Carla
- **Music Class** with Ms. Rachel

As we settle in to our summer routine, please remember to send with your child:

- Water bottle each day to stay hydrated
- Full change of labeled clothes to stay in their cubby
- Labeled bathing suit, towel, and water shoes for water play days (*Monday and Thursday* are our scheduled days!)
- Labeled sunscreen to stay at school. We will apply it before we go outside to keep everyone sun safe!

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

With Joy,
The Yellow Room Team

Meet the Spotted Zebra Herd!

Therapists and Special Educators

Ms. Juli	Psychology
Ms. Marlis	OT
Ms. Kaylyn	Speech (Yellow)
Ms. Caitlin	OT (V, B, O)
Ms. Rachel C	Speech (Orange)
Ms. Rachel M	Music
Ms. Carla	OT (Y, G)
Ms. Allison S	Speech (Violet)
Ms. Wendy	Speech
Ms. Cindy	PT (B, G, O)
Ms. Allison R	PT (Y, V, Teal)
Ms. Jesse	Speech (Blue)
Ms. Olivia	Speech (Green)
Ms. Kelly	OT (Teal)
Ms. Kaitlin	Speech (Teal)

Offsite Therapists

Ms. Nicole G	Speech
Ms. Kathi	PT
Mr. Peter	OT
Ms. Nicole S	SEIT
Ms. Sarah	PT
Ms. Wendy	Speech
Ms. Laura D	Speech
Ms. Debbie	PT
Ms. Claire	Speech
Ms. Kaitlin	Speech

Floating Teachers

Ms. Karen
Ms. Allison K
Ms. Josilyn
Ms. Jennifer S
Ms. Dillyn
Ms. Jescyka
Ms. Kiley
Ms. Mollie
Ms. Maeghan
Ms. Alaina

Admin Team

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Ms. Victoria
Ms. Jenna
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