



The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

March 2023





What is Happening in the Classrooms....

VIOLET ROOM NEWS

February was a fun-filled and exciting month of love, friendship, and learning about hibernation in the Violet Room! Classroom jobs was introduced in the month of February as well, with big smiles in anticipation of what job they will get! This also gives the children a sense of responsibility.

We will start the month of March celebrating Dr. Suess's birthday with fun learning activities and reading his books throughout the month! Additional themes for the month of March are: Colors, Rainbows, St. Patrick's Day, windy weather, kites, and the diamond shape.

Our Violet Room friends having been having so much fun presenting their letter items! Thank you for taking the time to fill the alphabet bag with creative letter of the week items. The time and energy you are putting forth is greatly appreciated. The children have also been doing well recognizing their first name in print!

As we look forward to spring and the weather slowly begins to warm up, we plan on going outdoors more. Please be sure that all clothing items are labeled with your child's name.

Ms. Nicole, Ms. Chris, Ms. Laura, Ms. Lauren, and Ms. Heather

***March 24th we are closing
at 1:30 for Staff Training***



Blue Room News

February was an exciting month in the Blue Room! We started out the month with Hibernation learning about Groundhog's Day. Russell the bear went into hibernation and sent Dakota the Traveling Husky to go on adventures with the blue room until Spring. We also spent time around Valentine's Day talking about how to show our family and friends that we love them! Over Winter Break we learned about President's Day and Money Coins Penny, Nickel, Dime, Quarter and Half Dollar.

In March, we will come back from the break and go right onto celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading his books, doing crafts, math activities, and, learning about a school library in our dramatic play area We will continue March with St. Patrick's Day, Community Helper's, with a visit from the Albany County Sheriffs K-9 Unit. We will end March, learning about Spring. We will graph Lions and Lambs for the month of March weather. We will be incorporating sequencing, sorting and patterns into these lessons. While learning about these topics we will continue to work on letter recognition, counting with 1-1 correspondence and writing our names.

As the weather begins to warm up, we are hoping to get outside more! Please be sure that your child is wearing or bringing sneakers to school. Also, please check that all items are labeled, especially shoes and jackets. This ensures that items to not get mixed up and makes the process of getting outside much faster!

Bring on Spring!!!

Your Blue Room Teachers,

Ms. Katina, Ms. Danielle, Ms. Sara, Ms. Casey, and Ms. Kaylyn



Bizzy Beez News

We are excited that Spring is on its way!!! We will take a close look at community helpers and how they help us every day. We will have some visitors to the classroom!

The luck of the Irish is right around the corner and with any luck that pesky leprechaun might visit our classroom. Start thinking about how we can try and catch the leprechaun with a trap that you can build at home and bring into the classroom (afternoon class friends only). We will have fun with colors of the rainbow and other fun St. Patrick's Day activities/crafts. We would love it if everyone would wear a different color of the rainbow that week. A note will go home letting everyone know the schedule. More details to follow.

Bizzy Beez will explore Spring as well as the weather and conduct some weather experiments. Do you have what it takes to be a meteorologist?

We want to wish Henry, Ms. Hope and Ms. Marlis a very happy birthday!!

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



Green Room News

We are eager to say goodbye to February and get ready for March and Springtime!! We are celebrating three birthdays this month. Happy Birthday Lincoln (12th), Adrian(13th) and Kyan (21st)! We look forward to celebrating with them!

We will start the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. This is a perfect theme for a week of 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. We also look at the first letter of words and say the letter sound.

Our second theme is all about eating healthy and dental health. St. Patrick's Day is always a fun holiday in the green room; we will be on the lookout for that pesky leprechaun. There will be gold glitter in the air and leprechaun traps will be built. Maybe if we catch him, he will share his gold with us! To wrap up our month we will be talking all things weather and Spring as we welcome the new season!

We hope everyone has a marvelous March!

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



Orange Room News

The Orange Room is excited to welcome March with the anticipation of longer days, Leprechaun visits, and the beginning of spring? We even already brainstormed ways to lure and trap a mischievous Leprechaun!

Overarching themes in March will include an author study on Jan Brett, fiction and non-fiction stories we love, St. Patrick's Day, weather, and Women's History. We have each created our own character, so now we will each create a setting for those characters so that we may write and illustrate our own story.

In our reading teams we will continue to work on letters and their sounds, initial letters of words, rhyming, word families, using syllabication and stretching out words to decode unfamiliar words, and adding more "Popcorn Words" to our list. In terms of comprehension, we will also continue to listen for important information, sequence/retell stories, identify problems and solutions, and make predictions. We have also been learning to read and spell our last names.

In math, we will finish our geometry unit by learning to build shapes and make pictures with them as well. Then, we will work on understanding addition and subtraction within 5, before moving on to addition and subtraction within 10. The difference from "making" given amounts using two groups, is that we will now use the symbols +, -, & =.

Our unit on weather will inspire us to do some cloud watching, experimenting with wind, and give us opportunities to look for signs of spring. Making and recording our observations will be the special focus of this unit. We will, undoubtedly, have inquisitive friends who ask about natural disasters and severe weather, so the questions will guide us through those topics as well.

Picture Day is on March 27th or 28th; look out for more details. Also, Ms. Katina has arranged for a K-9 Unit to visit our school on March 30th. This will be an exciting visiting field trip!

We will, however, celebrate St. Patrick's Day, spring, and leaders in Women's History!

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