

# THE SPOTTED ZEBRA

## Learning Center

March 2025

**Reminder:**

- The Center will be closing at 1:30 on Friday, 3/14 for staff training



## **Admin News**

Welcome to Spring!

We hope everyone is doing well! As we finally start to say farewell to winter and snow, please make sure your child's clothing is all labeled so there are no mix-ups while we transition to warmer weather. We are trying out some different fruits in our snacks, with some more citrus, stone fruits, and other fun choices!

Please note that the school will close at 1:30 on Friday, 3/14 for staff training. As a reminder, we have picture day coming up on Thursday, March 27 and Friday, March 28 with iSmile. There will be a flyer going home in the next couple of weeks with more information.

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

What is Happening in the Classrooms...



## Teal Room News

It is hard to believe that the first two months of school are already behind us! It has been a pleasure watching your children learn and grow!

This month, we will gradually begin increasing the structure and expectations in the Teal Room. We have rearranged the classroom layout to better support your children's learning needs, and we are incorporating more creative arts activities to begin showcasing your children's work.

We are excited to announce that we are implementing individualized communication systems that enable your children to communicate using visual cues. This will support your children's academic, social, and behavioral needs in a way that also fosters independence.

Finally, we will designate a theme for each week of the month that aligns with your children's interests. This week we are learning about dinosaurs! Be sure to check out your children's artwork on our bulletin board, which we will send home later in the month.

If you anticipate that your child will not be in school (regardless of the reason), we ask that you please let us know by emailing [TealRoom@SpottedZebra.org](mailto:TealRoom@SpottedZebra.org) or calling (518) 438-4800 ext. 206. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Looking forward another exciting month of learning!

Warmly,

**The Teal Room Team**



## Violet Room News

February was a month full of fun, friendship, and lots of love here in Violet Room. We enjoyed creating special valentines and learning about how we can show friends and family that we love them. We also had a great time celebrating Valentine's Day with a party, decorating cookies and passing out valentines to friends and teachers. We are excited to welcome spring after learning about Groundhog Day and seeing more sunny weather lately!

During the month of March, we will be focusing on some themes of early springtime such as St. Patrick's Day, the clover shape, and colors of the rainbow. We will be exploring community helpers and how they are integrated in our community, and we will conduct a short author study at the beginning of the month on Dr. Seuss. Later in the month we will delve into other themes that surround the changes in the weather and our environment during springtime. We will continue our focus on number recognition, one-to-one correspondence and pattern recognition. We will also be focusing on introductory letter writing and recognizing our names. Socially, we will continue to focus on peer-to-peer relation and building self-help & independence skills. We have been practicing responsibility with daily jobs and tasks, problem solving, and increased expectations in our classroom routine.

As spring moves in and the weather warms up, we are keen to venture outside. Please ensure your child is wearing or keeping sneakers at school for safety during walks and on the playground. Please ensure everything is labeled to avoid mix-ups or lost items.

Lastly, we'd like to wish a very happy birthday to Carter (12th), and Fallon (26th)!

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



## Blue Room News

Hi Families! I hope this message finds you well as we eagerly await the arrival of Spring!

Last month, we had a wonderful time learning about various winter animals and birds while also focusing on the importance of kindness. We celebrated Valentine's Day to spread love. It was a great opportunity for the kids to explore and understand the world around them. As we move into March, the excitement is building! We have some fun celebrations lined up, including St. Patrick's Day, Dr. Seuss's birthday week, and various spring-related activities. These events will be enjoyable and provide a wonderful chance for the children to engage in creative learning. We've also been reviewing several letters, including W, V, Y, and X. It's fantastic to see the kids' progress as they gain confidence in their literacy skills. With the warmer weather approaching, we're looking forward to the kids being able to play outside more often and enjoy some fresh air. Outdoor play is so important for their physical health and overall well-being! Thank you all once again for your continued support and involvement. It truly makes a difference in our learning environment!

We are excited to celebrate two upcoming birthdays in March and we celebrated Aidan's birthday in advance.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a month full of learning and celebration! For any important information please check weekly lesson plans (N.B. part) and Class Dojo. Thanks again for your all support and help.

**Ms. Sunita, Ms. Katina, Ms. Jackie**



## Green Room News

February was a month full of fun, love, friendship, and exciting lessons about hibernation! As much as we enjoyed all the February festivities, we're looking forward to welcoming March and the start of spring!

Our Valentine's Day celebration was a blast! The children did an amazing job passing out their valentines, and we all had so much fun enjoying ice cream together.

As we step into March, we'll kick things off by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday! We'll be reading his wonderful books, creating fun crafts, and having a Wacky Wednesday filled with silly surprises. It's the perfect way to explore rhyming words and word families!

Other exciting themes this month include dental health and St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day is always a favorite! We'll be on the lookout for that tricky leprechaun—there will be gold glitter everywhere, and we'll even build leprechaun traps in hopes of catching him. Maybe he'll share his gold with us!

To wrap up the month, we'll dive into all things weather and spring as we welcome the new season. We're counting down the days until we can spend more time outside!

Wishing everyone a marvelous March!

**Ms. Michelle, Ms. Elle, Ms. Jennifer**



## Orange Room News

**Dear Orange Room Families,**

Spring is just around the corner, and we are excited about all the learning and fun that March will bring! This month, we will be exploring exciting weekly themes, starting with Dr. Seuss, where we will celebrate reading with fun and wacky activities inspired by his books. Next, we will dive into Rainbows, exploring colors, light, and weather through creative projects. During the third week, we will embrace the festive spirit of Shamrocks & Leprechauns with St. Patrick's Day stories, crafts, and treasure hunts. Finally, we will end the month with Dinosaurs, learning about prehistoric creatures and fossils through hands-on discovery.

As a reminder, Friday, March 14th is a half day, and we will close at 1:30 PM. Also, kindly label all belongings to avoid mix-ups. Thank you for being a part of our Orange Room community! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

We want to say a Happy Birthday to Amara, Jackson, and Declan!!!!

**The Orange Room Team**



## Yellow Room News

The Yellow Room is excited to welcome March with the anticipation of longer days, Leprechaun visits, and the beginning of spring (hopefully)! Overarching themes in March will include reading with Dr. Seuss, exploring fairy tales, St. Patrick's Day, weather, and spring animals.

In our Learning Without Tears curriculum, we will read the letter books Kk, Jj, Ww, and Yy, and talk about each letter as a beginning sound. With these books we can explore understanding characters and their feelings, identifying main characters and settings, as well as being kind and helpful. We continuously work on letters and their sounds, initial letters of words, rhyming, using syllabication, and tuning into beginning, middle, and ending sounds in words. We have also been practicing the meaning of each ending punctuation - .!?. In terms of comprehension, we will also continue to listen for important information, sequence/retell stories, identify problems and solutions, and make predictions. We will introduce learning to read and spell our last names as well this month.

For math we will continue to work on addition, and then move on to subtraction. Weather will inspire us to do some cloud watching, experimenting with wind, and give us opportunities to walk the neighborhood.

March weather is tricky. We will play outside whenever possible. Please send in snow gear or rain gear depending on the weather forecast. We will go outside if the temperature is above 32 degrees, and whenever all children have weather appropriate clothing.

This month, we celebrate Ms. Chris' birthday on March 4th!

**Ms. Carol, Ms. Megan, Ms. Chris, and  
Ms. Khrista**

# 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

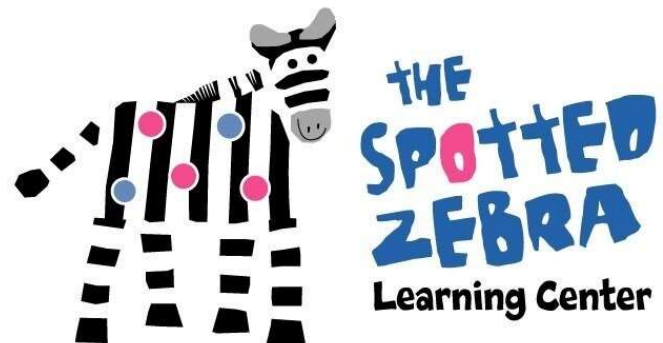
Ms. Shawna	Speech
Ms. Nicole Ge	Speech
Ms. Kathi	PT
Mr. Peter	OT
Ms. Nicole S	SEIT
Ms. Sarah	PT
Ms. Wendy	Speech

## Floating Teachers

Ms. Chantal  
Ms. Alaina  
Ms. Tristyn  
Ms. Nakisha  
Ms. Mollie  
Ms. Karen  
Ms. Emily  
Ms. Allison K  
Ms. Madison  
Ms. Thea

## Admin Team

Ms. Sheri  
Mr. Matt  
Ms. Shannon  
Ms. Amy  
Ms. Victoria  
Ms. Rachael  
Mr. Derek





# Newsletter Features



## Jesse LeVan

## Speech

### What is your hometown?

Pittstown, NY

### Who are your favorite musical artists?

Chappell Roan, Blink-182, and Tyler Childers

### What is your favorite season?

Spring (Tulips and daffodils are my favorite flowers)

### What is a fun fact about you?

I studied abroad in Belize to provide speech therapy services to rural communities!

## Elle Malcolm

## Green Room

### What is your hometown?

Niskayua, NY

### Who are your favorite musical artists?

I bounce around a lot, but I like All Time Low, All-American Rejects, and The Maine

### What is your favorite season?

A tie between summer and winter!

### What is a fun fact about you?

I am a certified level 1 adaptive snowboard instructor, and I taught adaptive snowboarding for 10 years!

