

THE SPOTTED ZEBRA Learning Center

March 2026

Reminders:

- ❖ The Center will be closing at 1:30 on Friday 3/20 for staff training



Admin News

March is here! We hope everyone is buckled in for some wacky spring weather for the first couple of weeks of the month! We are keeping an eye out for breaks in the upcoming rain so we can get outside as much as we can. Please make sure your child has weather appropriate labeled clothing so that we can take advantages of the sun when it is shining!

Picture day is coming up! iSmile Studios will be here from April 20-21 to take our student and staff photographs. More information and flyers to come!

As a reminder, we a number of lost and found items at the front desk in a clear bin. If you or your child are missing any items please come take a look!

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

What is Happening in the Classrooms...



Teal Room News

Hello Teal Room Families,

We're excited to welcome March and all the creativity and celebration it brings! This month, our classroom themes will focus on The Arts—including visual arts, musical arts, performance arts, and creative arts—along with special celebrations for Dr. Seuss Day and St. Patrick's Day.

Throughout the month, we'll explore different forms of artistic expression. In visual arts, they will experiment with painting, drawing, collage, and color mixing while learning about various textures and creating their own masterpieces. In musical arts, children will enjoy singing and listening to songs, exploring rhythm and movement, and experimenting with a variety of instruments. Our performance arts activities will include dramatic play, storytelling, and simple role-playing activities that help build confidence and creativity. Through creative arts, children will be encouraged to use their imaginations and express their ideas to create their own masterpieces!

We'll also celebrate Dr. Seuss on his birthday, March 2nd! We'll explore rhymes and silly words, and participate in fun activities inspired by books like *The Cat in the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham*. Later in the month, we'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day with themed activities that introduce children to simple traditions and symbols associated with the holiday.

March will be filled with imagination, creativity, and joyful learning experiences as children discover new ways to express themselves through the arts. We're looking forward to a colorful and creative month ahead!

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



Violet Room News

February was a month full of fun, friendship, and lots of love here in the Violet Room! We enjoyed creating special valentines and learning about how we can show friends and family that we love them. After plenty of snow, we are excited to welcome spring later this month, and are hopeful for sunny weather to come soon!

During the month of March, we will be focusing on some themes of early springtime such as St. Patrick's Day, including the clover shape and colors of the rainbow. We will be exploring community helpers and transportation, before delving 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 are also excited to progress in literacy as we work on introductory letter writing, as well as writing & recognizing our names. Socially, we will continue to focus on peer-to-peer relation and building self-help & independence skills. We will continue practicing responsibility with daily jobs and tasks, problem solving opportunities, and increased expectations in our classroom activities.

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 also ensure that they have weather appropriate clothing in their cubby and on their person each day. We appreciate you taking care to label all of your child's items to avoid mix-ups or lost belongings.

Lastly, we'd like to wish a happy birthday to Musa (20th), Clover (29th), and Colin (30th).

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



Blue Room News

Hello Families!

Last month, we had a great time celebrating and learning about friendship and kindness, as well as hibernation. Our Valentine's Day ice cream party was a huge hit. We had a great time celebrating together.

As we move into March, our excitement for spring is building. We have some fun activities planned to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Dr. Seuss's birthday week, and more. Keep an eye out for our Dr. Seuss spirit week flyer, which will be sent home within the next few weeks! We will continue to work on our letters, focusing this month on L, M, and N. We will also continue to practice name tracing. To wrap up the month, we will begin exploring different types of weather both in the classroom and outside. We are hoping to get outside much more this month as long as the weather cooperates!

Happy Birthday this month to...

Madeline- 3/1

Samantha- 3/2

Cole- 3/22

Wishing you all a great start to the spring season!

Best,

**Blue Room Team- Ms. Jackie, Ms. Katina,
and Ms. Khrista**



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!

**Warmly,
Ms. Michelle, Ms. Elle, and Ms. Jennifer**



Orange Room News

Happy March! We are so excited to welcome a month that brings brighter and warmer days and fills our classroom with color and creativity. The children continue to amaze us with their curiosity, imagination, and growing independence. March will be full of playful learning and lots of opportunities to celebrate the changing season together.

Here's a look at what we'll be exploring in the Orange Room this month:

Dr. Seuss Week – We'll kick off March by celebrating the whimsical stories of Dr. Seuss. Through rhyming games, silly word play, and imaginative art projects, children will explore early literacy skills in a fun and engaging way. We'll read favorites like *The Cat in the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham*, practice recognizing rhyming words, and create our own Seuss-inspired creations. Expect lots of laughter and creativity as we dive into these beloved stories!

Rainbows & Colors – As we begin thinking about spring and preparing for St. Patrick's Day, we'll explore rainbows and all the beautiful colors around us. Children will experiment with color mixing, create rainbow art, and engage in hands-on science activities to discover how rainbows are formed. Sensory bins, painting projects, and sorting activities will help strengthen fine motor skills while reinforcing color recognition and early math concepts.

St. Patrick's Day – Mid-month, we'll have some festive fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day. We'll learn about Irish traditions in age-appropriate ways, explore the color green, and even set a playful leprechaun trap or two!

Flowers & Signs of Spring – As winter begins to fade, we'll turn our attention to flowers and the changes happening in nature. Children will learn about what plants need to grow, explore the parts of a flower, and maybe even plant seeds of our own. These activities will encourage observation skills and an appreciation for the natural world. We'll also incorporate spring-themed books, art, and sensory experiences to celebrate the new season.

With warmer weather on the horizon, we're looking forward to spending more time outside whenever possible. Please continue sending your child with weather-appropriate layers, as March temperatures can still be unpredictable. Extra clothes in cubbies are always appreciated during this transitional season.

We're looking forward to a month filled with imagination, color, and new beginnings. Thank you for your continued partnership and for sharing your wonderful children with us each day. Spring is almost here, and we're so excited to grow and learn together in the Orange Room!

Warmly,
Ms. Katie, Ms. Tami, and Ms. Daphne



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, eggs, birds, and signs of spring. In our Learning Without Tears curriculum, we will read the letter books for Zz, Uu, Kk, Jj, and Ww and talk about each letter as a beginning sound. With these books we can also explore understanding characters and their feelings, identifying main characters and settings, as well as being kind, helpful, and cooperative. 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.

For math we will continue to learn about flat (2D) and solid (3D) shapes. Not only will we learn how to describe the attributes of both types of shapes, we will build with them, sort them, and use them to play with direction and position words. Practicing addition and subtraction within 10 will follow.

The weather thematic unit will inspire us to do some cloud watching, experimenting with wind, and give us opportunities to walk the neighborhood. March weather can be tricky, nonetheless we will play outside whenever possible. Please send in labeled 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, and Silas' on the 27th!

Ms. Carol, Ms. Megan, and Ms. Chris

Meet the Spotted Zebra Herd!

Therapists and Special Educators

Ms. Juli	Psychology
Ms. Marlis	OT
Ms. Shawna	Speech (Teal)
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 Ge	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. Alaina
Ms. Karen
Ms. Emily
Ms. Allison K
Ms. Nicole Gr
Ms. Tristyn
Ms. Josilyn
Ms. Cadence
Ms. Jennifer S
Ms. Dillyn
Ms. Jaia
Ms. Jillian
Ms. Monica

Admin Team

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