

# The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

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MARCH 2022



## What is Happening in the Classrooms....

### VIOLET ROOM NEWS

The Violet Room friends had a fun-filled celebration of love and friendship on Valentine's Day. A big shout out to Ms. Katina for all the wonderful pictures she took to share on the Homeroom App with our parents and their little ones.

The themes for the month of March are Dr. Seuss, Colors, Rainbows/St. Patrick's Day, and Wind/ kites/diamonds.

We will focus on the letters U, C, O, and Q. Thank you for taking the time to fill the alphabet bag with very creative letter of the week items. The time and energy you are putting forth is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to send in extra clothes, underwear, pull-ups, and wipes if you should get a note from us. Also our community supply of paper towels and wipes are running low. We are grateful for all the donations that have been sent in over the last several months.

During the month of March we will transition from a seven day calendar to a monthly calendar to work on patterns and increase number recognition. We will also introduce classroom jobs to give the little ones a sense of responsibility.

We would like to wish a very special "Happy Birthday" to Kyan and Emilia.

We look forward to the first day of spring and the warm and sunny days ahead.

Ms. Danielle, Ms. Chris, Ms. Katina, Ms. Lauren and Ms. Heather



## Blue Room News

February was an exciting month in the Blue Room! We started out the month with Hibernation learning about Groundhog's Day. We also spent time around Valentine's Day talking about how to show our family and friends that we love them! We practiced singing "All I Really Need" and "H-E-A-R-T."

In March, we will come back from the break and go right onto celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading his books and making green eggs and ham! We will then go more into our Community Helper's, and start learning about spring. 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. Writing your child's name in a yellow marker and then having them trace over the letters is a great way to practice at home!

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!

We would like to give a big Happy Birthday to Lincoln!

Ms. Erica, Ms. Jenna, Ms. Kathryn, Ms. Brittany & Ms. Karen



## Bizzy Beez News

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday in the beginning of the month. Do you think you like green eggs and ham? Our kiddos will be trying them and let us know what they think. We also are expecting a special guest reader to read Green Eggs and Ham (any guesses on who it will be?).

Following our celebration, we will take close look at community helpers and how they help us every day. 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 class. We will have fun with colors that week and other fun St. Patrick's Day activities/crafts. We would love 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 the weather and conduct some weather experiments. Do you have what it takes to be a meteorologist? We will wrap things up with an author study. We love the Laura Numeroff books! We have no birthdays in the month of March.

Ms. Carrie, Ms. Christina, Ms. Mary, Ms. Ang, Ms. Marlis and Ms. Megan

### Upcoming Dates to Note for Holiday Closures

- No special education programming April 18<sup>th</sup> - April 22<sup>nd</sup>
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## Orange Room News

Hello everyone! After a busy and fun but short February, we will no doubt have a busy, fun, and long March with five weeks full of fun and learning. We got to go outside and enjoy snow and sunshine only once last month. Hopefully, that will happen more often this month (preferably, with less snow and more sun). We will look for any opportunity to enjoy time outdoors, so please continue to send in clothing appropriate for the many types of weather that March will bring us.

Upon return from February break, friendship and kindness, as well as noting and accepting the differing needs of ourselves and others will be our focus. We have many books on kindness, friendship, and even service dogs to explore. On Wednesday, March 2nd we will also celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading, and eating, Green Eggs and Ham, as well as rhyming, spelling our last names with the Cat in the Hat hat pattern, and making a 1 Fish, 2 Fish book. This will lead us into doing character studies using our several books. We will then create our own characters and their story. More opportunities for writing will be incorporated into our day, as the kiddos are progressing nicely with sound spelling and learning about simple sentences and punctuation.

March is also the perfect month to study weather; thus, we will observe and record, graph and compare, and, conduct wind and rainbow experiments. The children will learn lots about volcanoes and dinosaurs this month in science class as well. More writing experiences will be had as we begin to keep science journals.

Next up we will be learning about St. Patrick's Day, and will experience Leprechaun shenanigans, of course! Since St. Patrick's Day is so colorful, we will also take time to learn about animal colors and how they are helpful in providing protection.



## Green Room News

We are eager to say goodbye to February and get ready for March and Springtime!! We are celebrating two birthdays this month. Happy Birthday Jack (24h) and Oliver (30<sup>th</sup>)!! 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 friends will taste test green eggs and ham and decide if they like them or do not like them, "Sam I Am".

Our second theme is all about eating healthy and dental health. St. Patrick's Day is also a fun holiday in the green room; we will be on the lookout for a visit from that pesky leprechaun. There will be gold glitter in the air and leprechaun traps will be built. Maybe we can catch him, and he will share his gold with us?!

To wrap our month will be researching community helpers.

Please continue to send in snow pants and boots labeled with your child's name, we will be going outside when it is warm enough. Hope everyone has a fantastic March!

Ms. Kim, Ms. Elle, Ms. Christiana & Ms. Liz

Finally, at the end of the month, we will learn more about maps by thinking about our school and homes. We will look at how each is part of a larger community.

During math, we will continue learning about teen numbers and review number lines, comparing numbers, and addition within 10. Then we will begin to work on subtraction within 10. Like we said at the start, this month will be FULL of fun and learning!

Happy Birthday to Adaline and Mrs. Sbardella this month!

Ms. Carol, Mrs. Sbardella, Mr. Jason, Ms. Casey, and Ms. Liz