

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

MAY 2022



What is Happening in the Classrooms....

VIOLET ROOM NEWS

Happy Spring! It's great to see warm sunny days are finally upon us. The little ones are delighted to be outside again and the teachers can finally breathe a sigh of relief to see them releasing some of that pent up energy from being stuck indoors for so long.

The themes for the month of May are birds, flowers, caterpillars/butterflies, and Bugs. The letters we will focus on this month are D, P, B, R, K, and A.

During the month of May, the Violet class will learn firsthand about the life cycle of a Caterpillar from Larva to Chrysalis to butterfly in our classroom. Once the Butterflies are mature enough, we release them at the Crossings.

We usually have a special family breakfast between Mother's Day and Father's Day, but just to play it safe due to Covid-19 that will not be happening again this year. Instead, the Violet Room friends will be creating gifts and cards to show you how much you are loved. June 3rd is our target date for family appreciation day.

Once the mild weather is finally upon us, please start applying sun block on your child before they come to school. It helps to alleviate some chaos that sometimes occurs preparing to go outdoors. Please send in a new LABELED bottle of spray-on sun block to replace the outdated ones.

We would like to wish a special Happy Birthday to Emma and Margaret.

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



Blue Room News

The Blue Room spent the month of April welcoming Spring. We enjoyed learning about community helpers, Spring, and Earth Day. As the weather warms up, we will be getting outside more and even taking some walks. Thank you in advance for being so diligent about sending in appropriate clothing and shoes!

May brings us to our units on Laura Numerhoff, Farm Animals, Five Senses, and Outer Space. Through these topics, we will continue to practice letter and number recognition, counting with 1:1 correspondence, and sorting according to a specific attribute. We will also be observing caterpillars as they go through metamorphosis to become butterflies. Our friends will be making daily observations and charting their progress. This is always a spring favorite!

We have been incorporating more tactile activities into our day, especially during morning free play. Some class favorites have been play-doh, cloud dough, and pretend snow. Playing with the different materials allows the children to practice creativity, work on hand strength and develops fine motor skills. Our friends have really enjoyed helping to make these materials and using them throughout the day. Keep an eye out for a list of recipes so that you and your child can try some of them at home!

We would like to wish Adriano and Alessio a very happy birthday this month! We would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all our Blue Room moms. Thank you for all that you do!

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



Bizzy Beez News

Rain, rain go away! Bizzy Beez wants to play! April showers definitely brought May flowers. We planted grass and flowers and have been busy caring for them. Our garden is growing and we are excited with each blossom that blooms. As we dive into May we are excited to explore insects. Our friends will learn all about how insects help our earth and us too! We will have the exciting opportunity to watch the life cycle of a butterfly. We have ordered caterpillars and they will arrive soon! Be sure to check out our google classroom pictures to follow along with the exciting metamorphosis. We will celebrate a late Earth Day as we were on break when it occurred. We will discuss recycling and what we can do to help our earth. Following our celebration of the earth we will check out reptiles and their habitats. To wrap up the month we want to celebrate our families. You are important to us we want to celebrate you. Be on the lookout for more information but be sure to save the date on June 3rd for a special treat! We are now accepting registrations for the Fall 2022 (for both classes) and for our 4-year-old summer camp 2022. If you haven't gotten your registration in be sure to get it back soon and share the flyer with friends and family to help get the word out! It will be a fun summer!!!!

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

Upcoming Dates to Note for Holiday Closures

- May 27th - Closing at 1:30 for Staff Training
- Memorial Day - May 30, 2022
- Juneteenth- June 20, 2022



Green Room News

The Green Room is excited to welcome May and consistently warmer weather! Please send in a labeled bottle of sunscreen and spare clothing for warmer weather. We will be going outside as much as possible! We have finished the alphabet in our journals and have now moved onto numbers. We will also be adding letter books to further reinforce letter review and cutting practice. We are excited for our May themes – baby animals, food and flower gardens, life cycles of butterflies and frogs, and insects. Caterpillars will arrive soon, and we will get to observe and record their growth and metamorphosis. This month we will get to explore many topics such as growth and change, what living things need to grow, living vs. nonliving, and more! Many virtual field trips to farms, museums, and gardens will happen, as well as walks outside to explore and observe nature. Before we close, we would like to send best wishes for a Happy Mother's Day and a Happy Birthday to Sam (5/25)!

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



THANKS TO OUR AMAZING STAFF FOR ALL THAT THEY DO EACH AND EVERY DAY!! WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH AN AWESOME TEAM OF PEOPLE!!!

xoxo



Orange Room News

Spring greetings! It is hard to believe that we are already planning for May and thinking about Kindergarten Graduation. We have two more months of fun and learning planned for this school year!

Dinosaurs, reptiles, mammals, our Solar System, and spring, were focus topics in April. Two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes were overarching math topics. A lot of time and practice was spent describing and using such shapes to draw and build pictures of familiar objects, and all seemed to enjoy basic geometry.

In May we look forward to the following themes: life cycles, bugs, bees/pollinators/pollination, farming, and ocean/beach/shells, sand. Using these overarching topics, word families, rimes, blends, writing simple sentences, and using punctuation will be covered. Leveled reading groups will continue to practice acquired skills and learn new skills with guidance.

Math topics will include writing numerals 0-20, counting by 5s, making and counting sets up to 20, measurement, solving story problems, learning coin amounts, and using base ten units. Calendar, time, and weather concepts continue to be included in the rotation for Morning Meetings.

Now that spring has sprung, we look forward to spending as much time as possible outdoors. If you have not done so yet, please send in a labeled bottle/tube of sunscreen with your child.

There are no birthdays to celebrate in May. Instead, we simply wish you a Happy Spring!!

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