# The Spotted Zebra Learning Center



### November 2022



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



The Halloween party was a big success with all the little ghost and goblins in the Violet Room, we only wished all our families could have attended. Hopefully, the pictures on Homeroom compensated for not being there in person.

The themes for the month of November are scarecrows/harvest, food glorious foods, and turkeys and the author of the month is "Lois Ehlert." After Thanksgiving Break we will start focusing on the shapes of the Season. On Wednesday, November 16th, we will be making friendship soup, corn bread, and butter with the children. A separate letter will be sent home about this special luncheon for the children and a sign-up list for supplies will be emailed.

Since friends in the Violet room are now able to sit for longer periods of time we will be introduced a seven-day calendar at circle time. We work on saying and signing names of the month, days of the week, and counting. Also with some support and encouragement, the little ones are now attempting to put on their own coats, following the hand washing routine, and cleaning up their spots after snack and lunch.

Cold weather is upon us, so please send in warmer coats, hats, mittens, long pants, and long sleeve shirts. Also as long as it's above 32 degrees we will go outside.

We would like to wish a very special "Happy Birthday" to Raegan and Zoe.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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



The month of October seemed to fly by in the Blue Room! We have been very busy and working hard on routines, friendship, and self-help skills. The children enjoyed learning about the pumpkins and learning how they grow! We also celebrated Halloween, went Trick or Treating office to office within Spotted Zebra.

In the month of November, we will be learning about Veteran's Day, Food, and Turkeys. We will also focus on number skills/quantity concepts, prewriting, speaking/listening, and story sequencing. Thanksgiving and family will close out the month of November. We will be talking about the holiday, and what we are thankful for.

As the weather gets chilly, please send in warm coats, hats, mittens, long pants, and long sleeve shirts. Also, as long as it's above 32 degrees we will go outside.

Happy Birthday Antonio, Thomas, and Jameson

Thank You,

Ms. Katina, Ms. Danielle, Ms. Sara, Miss Casey and Ms. Liz



We wrapped up October with an awesome Halloween party and had a lot of fun!

November in Bizzy Beez should be an exciting one! We will start the month off exploring shapes and colors. Our friends will take a look at how shapes are different, make a collage using shapes, sort and explore a sensory bin of shapes. We will then drive into our transportation theme where our friends will learn about the different kinds of ways we can move around. We will discover the air, land and sea modes of transport. Finally, we will discover more about our families and wrap up the month with Thanksgiving!!

We want to wish Lukas and Shizan a very Happy Birthday this month!!

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

Reminder: We are closed
Veteran's Day Nov 11th and
Thanksgiving break Nov 24-25



#### Green Room News

Hello Green Room Families!

We are "Falling for Fall" in the Green Room this year! Green Room students have been delighted with all the changes that fall brings! We pulled out our magnifying glasses to study leaves up close. We were scientists making observations as the vibrant leaves changed colors. We noted the satisfying crunching sounds they made underfoot, and we laughed with excitement over the squirrels searching all over the park for acorns!

We are ready to dig deeper in November! Our November themes will include pumpkins, a Laura Numeroff author study, farms and harvest, Thanksgiving and, transportation. Thanksgiving is always a wonderful time for our students to reflect on the things they are thankful for and the friendships they are making in the classroom. Our Laura Numeroff author study will include books from the beloved If You Give a Mouse series!

Just a friendly reminder that as the cold weather approaches, please remember to send in jackets every day and cold weather clothing as we continue to play outside and go for walks, when possible, please make sure everything you send in is labeled clearly.

We will be closed on Friday, November 11th for Veteran's Day. We wish you a wonderful November!

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



## Orange Room News

The It's hard to believe that it is already November! We had so much fun learning with our October themes. All were busy counting and graphing the contents of a witch's cauldron, painting and carving Jack-O-Lanterns, drawing and writing about ghosts, doing Halloween math games, learning about pumpkin parts and its life cycle, and enjoying sound words (e.g., eek, boo, scritch-scratch, etc.) during read alouds about Halloween.

From Halloween, we will move on to learning about nighttime animals and compare them with daytime animals. Nocturnal and diurnal are the big vocabulary words for this unit. The topics of hibernation and migration will be researched, reported, and "published" into a class book as we learn about "making meaning" of what we read. Veteran's Day, Indigenous peoples, thankfulness, and traditions will also be explored this month.

In our iReady and Go Math curricula, we will continue to write, show, and decompose or make numbers 3-5 (5 is made of 4 and 1, 3 and 2). Review and assessments will occur before moving on to numbers 6-10. Math vocabulary will include count, compare, fewer, less than, more, greater than, equal to, and same. We will continue counting by ones and tens to 100 as we fill more ten frames (crayon boxes) and add more spots to our 100th day dog, Ray.

In November, we will also dive deeper into our reading curricula – Learning Without Tears and Fundations. Phonics and identification of letters LI, Ff, Ee and Tt will be the focus. Leveled groups will work on various degrees of reading readiness and reading development within small groups.

There are no birthdays this month.

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