

THE SPOTTED ZEBRA

Learning Center

November 2025

Reminders:

- The Center is closed on 11/11 in observance of Veteran's Day
- The Center is closed on 11/27 and 11/28 for Thanksgiving Break



Admin News

Happy November! We hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween! Getting to see the parade and all the different costumes was definitely a highlight for us! As we move into November, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what we are thankful for at Spotted Zebra. We are thankful for the opportunity to learn and grow alongside the children we get to see every day. We are thankful for our incredible staff who work hard to provide intellectually stimulating and fun activities for all our children to enjoy. Last and certainly not least, we are thankful for all of YOU, our families, who make up the heart and soul of our school. Without all of these pieces our school would not be what it is, and we are so grateful they have come together as they have.

A quick reminder to please send your children in with labeled weather-appropriate clothing – we want to spend as much time outside as we can before it gets too cold but also want to make sure everyone is warm enough!

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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,

It's hard to believe we're already moving into November! We've had such a wonderful Fall so far, full of learning, laughter, and growth. During October, the children explored many seasonal activities centered around pumpkins, leaves, and the changing weather. We loved seeing their curiosity as they scooped out pumpkin seeds, created beautiful artwork, and engaged in sensory play with all things fall!

As we move into November, we will continue to build on these experiences while focusing on friendship, kindness, and themes such as forest animals, our five senses, and Thanksgiving. Throughout the month, children will have the opportunity to learn about forest animals and to explore their senses through hands-on activities that encourage them to see, hear, smell, touch, and taste the world around them. We'll smell spices like cinnamon and cloves, feel the textures of natural materials, listen to seasonal sounds, and even taste some familiar fall favorites during snack time!

These experiences help children build language, make observations, and strengthen their connection to the world around them. We'll also continue to support their growing social-emotional skills as they practice taking turns, sharing, and helping friends during play and group activities.

We're so proud of the progress the children are making and are looking forward to another month full of discovery and joy!

Ms. Heather, Ms. Sara, Ms. Shawna, and Ms. Kelly



Violet Room News

We have had an amazing Autumn in the Violet Room! Fall is flying by and it's hard to believe November is already here. October was filled with a wealth of seasonally oriented activities and experiences that we enjoyed together. We explored fall themes such as leaves, pumpkins, apples, and Halloween! We made many discoveries surrounding all of the changes the seasons bring, and noticed the unique colors, smells, and sounds that the leaves display. It was so much fun to trick-or-treat through the school on Halloween! It was wonderful to see everyone's fun and interesting costumes.

Violet Room friends have been learning so much this season as we continue to add more topics into our circle time routine, better our self-help skills, and engage in numerous discovery-based play activities. We've been enjoying new sensory experiences, building upon routines, and navigating new activities with rules and steps. We are continuing to dive into fall themes in November as we explore nocturnal animals, farm animals, fruits & vegetables, and Thanksgiving. We will continue developing our pre-writing skills, exploring number and letter concepts, and working on social skills through the month. We're excited to partake in more complex crafts, enjoy the last of our outside time for a while, and continue to learn every day this upcoming month through harvest-based activities.

Cold weather has crept in on us already, so please ensure your child has weather-appropriate clothing in their cubby. We will continue to go outside, weather permitting. Please also ensure the children are wearing appropriate footwear each day. Thank you for your cooperation in labeling all items to avoid lost belongings or mix-ups.

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



Blue Room News

Hello Blue Room Families,

We had such an amazing October. The kids loved learning about pumpkins, leaves, and most importantly counting down to our Halloween celebration. We are practicing taking turns and sharing. The kids are adjusting well to some new routines we have implemented.

We will start the month talking about Veterans Day, focusing mainly on how Veterans worked to keep us safe and protect our country. We are planning days for the kids to wear red, white and blue so please keep an eye out for those announcements. This month we are also excited to work on manners as Thanksgiving is coming up! We will talk about members of our family and what we are thankful for. Additionally we'll be practicing our please and thank you's and using kind words. As well as talking about the different parts of a Thanksgiving dinner and our favorite Thanksgiving foods. Keep an eye out for our "Friendsgiving" sign up sheet coming soon

We are excited to continue learning about the alphabet. This month we will focus on letters D, E, and F. Students will complete crafts and journal activities to grow their knowledge. We will also be practicing the ASL sign for each letter.

We hope everyone enjoys the start of their holiday season and stays safe and healthy.

The Blue Room Team

Happy Birthday this month to:

Laine- 11/11

Ms. Jackie- 11/20

Paxton- 11/30



Green Room News

Hello Green Room Families!

It is hard to believe that it is already November! 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 were scientists making observations as the vibrant leaves changed colors. We noted the satisfying crunching sounds they made underfoot when we were running around the side yard. We had a blast exploring pumpkins, collecting seeds, and scraping out the innards.

We are ready to dig deeper in November! To close out October we will be talking about Halloween, we had a spook-tacular day! Your kiddos had so much fun dressing up and parading through the school collecting treats!

Our November themes will include farm, Thanksgiving and friendship. 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.

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 Tuesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day.

We want to wish Paxton and Giuliano a very happy birthday this month!

Ms. Michelle, Ms. Elle, and Ms. Jennifer



Orange Room News

Dear Orange Room Families,

Happy November! As we move into this cozy time of year, we're continuing to be amazed by the growth and joy we see in the Orange Room each day. The children have truly settled into our classroom community! They're collaborating, sharing ideas, and expressing themselves with growing confidence. It's been wonderful to see how much they've learned since the start of the year!

This month, our curriculum will take us into the imaginative world of fairytales! We'll be exploring some beloved classic stories that invite children to think about problem-solving, character traits, and storytelling all through play, art, and hands-on activities.

Here are some of the themes and stories we'll be focusing on in November:

The Three Billy Goats Gruff – We'll build bridges, explore concepts of size, and practice retelling the story through dramatic play.

The Three Little Pigs – We'll experiment with building houses from different materials to see which one is the strongest, tying in some early STEM learning and teamwork.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears – We'll talk about opposites like big/small and hot/cold, practice counting to three, and create cozy bear-themed crafts.

The Gingerbread Man – As we move closer to the holiday season, we'll bring this story to life through baking, storytelling, and sensory play. We'll also explore patterns, movement games, and kindness as a theme.

As the weather cools down, we'll continue to spend time outdoors, enjoying the crisp fall air. Please remember to send your child in layers and make sure they have a warm jacket, hat, and extra clothes in their cubby.

We're so excited for a month filled with imagination, creativity, and wonder. Thank you for being such an important part of our classroom community. We couldn't do it without your support!

Warmly,

Ms. Katie, Ms. Tami, and Ms. Daphne
The Orange Room Team



Yellow Room News

November?! Time flies when you're having fun learning! During choice play, the children enjoyed many arts and crafts, as well as playing firefighter/firehouse. During the week of Halloween, we enjoyed a Trick-or-Treating Dramatic Play, many Halloween arts and crafts, learning about spiders' "costumes", and playing with all things creepy-crawly.

As we move further into fall, we will explore what animals do to prepare for winter in our region. 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, inventions of Indigenous peoples, thankfulness, manners, and family will also be focused on this month.

The focus in math will be to write, show, and decompose/make numbers 2-5 and then, 6-10 (e.g. 6 is made of 4 and 2, 3 and 3, etc). Decomposing, or making numbers, is a precursor for understanding addition. Sorting, graphing, and patterning concepts are embedded into many of our daily learning activities. We will also continue counting by tens and ones to 100 as we fill more ten frames, use base ten blocks, and become accustomed to place value as we count the days of school to 100. Practice with number identification and writing, as well as counting by 1s and counting on (i.e. start counting from a number higher than one) is practiced during our daily activities.

A-Z with Mat Man and Me letters this month are Ss, Rr, and Pp. Phonics practice is going very well, and some are beginning to notice a particular letter sound in the middle and end of words, in addition to the beginning as we have practiced. Understanding characters, including their feelings; settings; and beginning, middle, and end story events will be meaning making topics this month. Social- emotional learning themes such as kindness and persistence will also be explored in our letter books, as well as in other read aloud books.

We look forward to another month of learning and growing together!

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

Meet the Spotted Zebra Herd!

Therapists and Special Educators

Ms. Juli	Psych
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 T	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 (T, Y)

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
Ms. Laura D	Speech
Ms. Debbie	PT
Ms. Claire	Speech

Floating Teachers

Ms. Alaina
Ms. Karen
Ms. Emily
Ms. Allison K
Ms. Nicole Gr
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Ms. Josilyn
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Ms. Jennifer S

Admin Team

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