

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

NOVEMBER 2021



What is Happening in the Classrooms....

VIOLET ROOM NEWS

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. After Thanksgiving break we will start focusing on the shapes of the season. On Thursday, November 18th, 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 have 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.

The Violet Room team would like to thank all the families who are taking the time to fill out the weekend communication forms with activities that they participated in. You can also email or attach pictures to go along with the information you shared. The forms and pictures will be used during circle time to increase communication amongst the little ones. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Violet Room teachers.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Laura, Ms. Chris, Ms. Katina, and Ms. Kathy



Blue Room News

The month of October seemed to fly by in the Blue Room! We have been getting to know our friends and their interests! The children enjoyed learning about the pumpkins and learning how they grow! We also celebrated Halloween during the month of October. The children had a blast trick-or-treating in our costumes!

In the month of November we will be learning about feelings and emotions, We will read the book "The Color Monster." It focuses on the emotions like happy, sad, angry, fear, calm, and love! We will also focus on number skills/quantity concepts, pre writing, speaking/listening, story sequencing and relating our own experiences to our play. Thanksgiving and family will close out the month of November. We will be talking about the holiday, what we are thankful for and how different families celebrate. The children will be learning Over the River and Through the Woods which ties in all three themes.

Thank you again for sending in the weekend sheets every week! It is very helpful in sparking conversation during snack and lunch time. The children really like to hear that their friends are doing many of the same activities on their "stay home" days. As the weather gets chilly please check your child's bin for appropriate clothing and be sure they have a jacket.

Happy Birthday Ms. Kathryn!

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



Bizzy Beez News

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. 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 Ivaan and Jameson a very Happy Birthday this month!

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

Upcoming Dates to Note for Closure

- Veteran's Day - November 11th
- Thanksgiving Holiday -
November 25-26, 2021

Orange Room News

It's hard to believe that it is already November! We had so much fun learning with our October themes. During Halloween week we were busy counting and graphing the contents of a witches' cauldron, painting and carving Jack-O-Lanterns, drawing and writing about ghosts, doing Halloween math games, and building monsters and haunted houses. Thank you so much for all of your generous contributions to our Halloween Party at school! We had a great day together! Look out for pictures and videos on the Homeroom App!

From Halloween, we will move onto 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, how animals and humans use their five senses, Indigenous peoples, thankfulness, will be explored this month, as well as Hanukkah, which begins on November 28th.

After learning about the number 0-10 we will work on putting them in order and then compare numbers 0-5. Math vocabulary will include fewer, less than, more, greater than, equal to, and same. We will continue counting by tens as fill more ten frames and add more spots to our 100th day dog, Ray.

In November we will continue to practice the "popcorn" sight words: I, a, is, me, see, the, do, at, am, and you. Focus on beginning and ending letters of words will help us practice letter identification and sounds. Baseline reading assessments will be conducted and our goal will be to start leveled reading groups.

Before we close, we would like to wish Robert a Happy Birthday this month!

Ms. Carol, Ms. Sbardella, Ms. Casey & Mr. Jason



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, Thanksgiving, a Mo Willems author study, transportation, and colors. 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 Mo Willems author study will include books from the beloved Gerald and Piggy 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. We will be closed on Thursday, November 11th for Veteran's Day.

Have a wonderful November,

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