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# The Spotted Zebra Learning Center

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October 2023



**\*Reminder that we are closed  
October 9<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day!**





## What is Happening in the Classrooms...



### VIOLET ROOM NEWS

We have had a wonderful start to the year in the Violet Room! September has flown by! We have spent lots of time adjusting to the classroom schedule and routines, and learning our friends and teacher's names through songs and games. We have had lots of fun, learned many new things, and have even made some new friends!

During the month of October, we have many fun and exciting seasonal themes planned! We will learn about Autumn/Fall, Fire Safety, Apples & Pumpkins, and Halloween. We will be sending home more details about special activities/festivities in our classroom in the coming weeks. Lastly, Open House is scheduled for Thursday, October 12th from 6:00-6:45. This is an adult only event. More information will be sent home closer to this date.

As fall begins and the weather cools down, we ask that you please send in warmer clothing such as long sleeves and pants, jackets/coats, and hats & mittens. We will be going outside with appropriate temperatures. Happy Fall!

Ms. Brittany, Ms. Terry, Ms. Laura, Ms. Lauren, Ms. Allison, Ms. Sue, and Ms. Carla



## Blue Room News

It has been a wonderful start of the year. We spent the first month of school getting to know each other. We played a variety of name games and getting to know you activities. We also spent time learning the classroom routine. We ended the month learning about apples and apple orchards.

Thank you for sending in your family pictures! Each child has a collage of his or her family displayed in the classroom. We look forward to seeing everyone at Open House Thursday October 12, 2023, 6:00-6:45pm. Open House is for Parents only.

In October we will learn about fire safety because October is Fire Prevention month. We will have a visit from Fuller Road Fire Department. The class will also explore the topics Autumn/Fall, pumpkins, and Halloween.

As the weather gets cooler, please be sure to send your child to school with a sweatshirt or light coat.

We will be sending daily communication forms home. Please feel free to email us at [blueroom@spottedzebra.org](mailto:blueroom@spottedzebra.org) with any questions or concerns. This form will include information related to your child's day along with items he or she may need (such as diapers or extra clothing). Daily forms will be sent home Monday-Thursday.

We would like to wish Ms. Maria and Sage a very Happy Birthday!

Here is to an amazing school year,

**Ms. Katina, Ms. Maria, Ms. Paige, Ms. Caitlin,  
Ms. Rachael, and Ms. Sue**



## Bizzy Beez News

September flew by and we have had an amazing time getting to know your littles! We learned all about kindness and how to be a friend! We also participated in many "getting to know you" activities to learn more about our friends. There will be a class book for you and your children to get to know the names of friends in the classroom. It has a lot of friends to go home with, so patience is needed.

October is all about fall, woodland animals, fire safety, pumpkins and Halloween. We will observe leaves before and after they have changed color and introduce the concept of why fall happens. Nature walks at home are a great way to observe the leaves falling and color change! Send us a picture of your favorite fall tree if you have one. Fire safety includes learning about fire fighters and the equipment they use.

The last couple of weeks are my all-time favorite. We will explore pumpkin guts, dramatic play pumpkin patch, and so many other exciting activities involving pumpkins. Halloween is a fun week of sensory play, crafts and games. We will have a small in-class party and a pumpkin picking event (more details to follow on both).

We have no October birthdays!

Also be on the lookout for more details on our **Open house, scheduled for October 12th. The three-year-old program is at 6:00pm and the four-year-old program is at 7:00 pm. There will be flyer going out.**

**Ms. Carrie, Ms. Tami, Ms. Hope, Ms. Christiana, Ms. Nicole, Ms. Marlis, Ms. Megan, and Ms. Rachel**



## Green Room News

Fall greetings!! We have been having such a nice time getting to know each other in the Green Room. We spent the first month of school getting to know each other. We played a lot of name games and getting to know you activities. We have found that our friends really love to dance and sing; play with all our different types of blocks and playing with Play-Doh. At the end of the month, we enjoyed learning all about Apples, we even got to make applesauce!

We have many exciting things planned for October as well. We will be learning about fire safety and will focus on what to do if there is a fire - stop, drop, and roll; stay low and go; get out and stay out; and call 911. We will even have a visit from Firefighters! There will be lots of role playing, so don't be surprised if your child drops to the floor to show you what to do! We will also be learning about all things fall, leaves, pumpkins, and Halloween! Lots of fun will be had this month!

Our Open House will be on **October 12th from 6:00-6:45**, more information will be sent home closer to the day.

Before we close, we would like to remind everyone to label clothing and outerwear coming to school. Also, just a quick reminder to change the clothing in your child's spare clothing bucket over to fall attire if you have not done so already.

Before we close, we would like to wish Addison a very happy birthday!

**Ms. Elle, Mr. David, Ms. Kendall, Ms. Kaylyn, Ms. Sue, Ms. Carla**



## Orange Room News

Happy fall! After spending September getting to know each other and the rules and expectations of the classroom, we will begin to incorporate more content area instruction into our weekly curriculum, as well as expand on our English Language Arts (ELA) and Math curricula.

Subjects in content area instruction will include: Apples, Family, Fire Prevention, Diurnal (Daytime) and Nocturnal (Nighttime) Animals, and of course, Halloween. We will explore many fiction and non-fiction stories, as well as Scholastic Let's Find Out and Science Spin issues on these subjects. Thank you for emailing 4-5 family pictures to support our unit on family. If you have not done so already – please email them to Ms. Carol ([carols@spottedzebra.org](mailto:carols@spottedzebra.org)).

Learning Without Tears is our whole literacy approach curriculum. The letters Aa, Nn, Ss, Rr will be reviewed in October, and will include "Letter Learning" and "Meaning Making" activities to explore letter identification; phonics; story sequencing; and, understanding story events, feelings of characters, and story sequencing (beginning, middle, and end). The children love learning with Mat Man.

Topics in our iReady Math curriculum and supporting materials will cover the following: Making 3, 4, and 5 (precursor to addition), counting and writing to 10, understanding 1 more within quantities 0-10, and comparing quantities within 0-10. We also incorporate many mathematical skills practice into our Morning Meeting with patterning, counting by 1s and 10s to 100, counting calendar dates and recording weather data for comparisons and predictions.

The children have really enjoyed our specials so far. They include Amazing Athletes, gym, Social Skills Club, music class, art, and science. If families have any special talents or interests/hobbies to share with us, please let us know. We would love to invite special guests into our classroom to extend and support learning.

Before we close, we would like to wish Cashton a happy birthday this month!

**Ms. Carol, Ms. Sunita, Ms. Chris, Ms. Kaylyn, Ms. Sue, Ms. Caitlin, and Ms. Karen (Visiting Special Education Support)**