

THE SPOTTED ZEBRA

Learning Center

October 2026

Reminders:

The Center is closed on
Monday 10/12 in observance
of Indigenous
Peoples'/Columbus Day



Admin News

Welcome Fall! We hope everyone's transition into the school year has gone well! It has been so incredible to see personalities and relationships blossom, as well as all of our new and old friends acclimating to new environments, routines, and people. We would like to especially thank all of the parents in our community for helping support children both in and out of school; having these structures of support can make a world of difference as we embark on new adventures with new friends!

As the leaves change and the air begins to cool, please send your children in with appropriate clothing for outdoor play. We want to try to use our outdoor spaces as much as we can before Winter grows too cold! We also appreciate labeled clothing, as it helps us avoid mix-ups and send clothing home with the right child.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or just want to say hi, please reach out via email, phone, or through the comment box in the back vestibule.

**Ms. Sheri, Mr. Matt, Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachael, Ms. Jenna, and
Mr. Derek**

What is Happening in the Classrooms...



Teal Room News

Hello Families,

We had a wonderful month of September! It has been so exciting to see the children become more comfortable in our classroom, build relationships with teachers and friends, and become familiar with our classroom routines. We are looking forward to continuing that growth throughout October!

This month, we will explore two fun fall themes. During the first two weeks, we will learn all about apples and orchards through books, songs, sensory activities, art, cooking, and hands on exploration. During the last two weeks, we will explore pumpkins and Halloween, discovering pumpkins, learning about Fall changes, and enjoying some fun Halloween themed activities.

As we explore these themes, we will continue practicing communication, making choices, participating in classroom activities, building independence, and learning what helps each child feel comfortable and successful at school. We can't wait for a fun filled October together!

Best,

Ms. Heather, Ms. Sara, Ms. Celine,
Ms. Kaitlin, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Alli



Violet Room News

It's been a wonderful start to the school year here in the Violet Room! September has absolutely flown by, but we are already having so much fun together. We have spent lots of time adjusting to the classroom schedule and routines, learning each other's names through songs & games, and exploring many different toys, activities, and areas of the classroom. We've been learning how to play with many different types of toys and new activities as we all get to know each other. We've discovered that our favorites so far are music time, sensory activities, and the playground! Everyone has already begun to have so much fun here at school, learned many new things, and have even started making some new friends! We are working on beginner self-help skills like wiping our noses and washing our hands and are excited to build upon this independence more as the year progresses.

Happy Fall! During the month of October, we have many fun and exciting seasonal activities planned to take advantage of this beautiful time of the year. For the month of October, some of our themes and focused learning will include apples, pumpkins, fire safety, and Halloween! In the coming weeks we will distribute information about upcoming special activities and events that will take place later in the month.

As the weather cools down, we ask that you please begin to send in warmer clothing such as long sleeves and pants, jackets/coats, and hats. Children should also be wearing comfortable footwear that does not hinder movement, e.g. sneakers or tennis shoes, each day. We will continue to go outdoors, weather permitting, through the season. We appreciate you taking the time to label everything to avoid mix ups/lost items.

Finally, we'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Kingston (1st), Harper (16th), and Ms. Terry (25th) this month.

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



Blue Room News

Happy October, Families!

It has been an amazing start to the school year, and we are so happy that the fall season is upon us! Everyone has become more comfortable with their peers, teachers, and daily routines at school.

This month, we will continue to focus on getting to know one another, becoming familiar with our daily schedules, and enjoying lots of fun fall activities!

Our October themes will include:

- Fire Safety
- Farm Animals
- Pumpkins
- Halloween

We are so excited to celebrate Halloween with your kiddos! We love having a Halloween parade at school, and we will send out more information and updates as the day gets closer.

We love spending time in the moment with the children, which means we may not always get as many pictures throughout the day. We will continue to send pictures through Teaching Strategies at the end of each week so you can see some of the fun your little ones have been having!

Happy 6th Birthday to Matthew (10/6)! We hope you have a wonderful birthday!

We are so excited for all the fun and memories this fall will bring. Thank you for being such an important part of our classroom community!

Warmly,

Ms. Daphne, Ms. Meghan & Ms. Jillian



Green Room News

Fall Greetings!

We've had such a wonderful start to the school year in the Green Room! During September, we spent lots of time getting to know one another through name games and fun "getting to know you" activities. We've discovered that our friends love to dance and sing, work together on puzzles, and get creative with Play-Doh. We wrapped up the month by learning all about fall and apples.

October is sure to be an exciting month! We will be exploring fire safety, focusing on important skills such as stop, drop, and roll; stay low and go; get out and stay out; and call 911. Children will get plenty of hands-on practice through role-playing, so don't be surprised if your child shows off what they've learned at home! In addition, we'll continue celebrating the season with activities about leaves, pumpkins, farm animals, and Halloween. It's going to be a month full of fun and learning!

Before we close, we'd like to share a few reminders:

- Please make sure all clothing and outerwear brought to school are labeled.
- If you haven't already, please swap out the spare clothing in your child's bucket for fall-appropriate attire.

Finally, we'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Daxton and Ms. Jennifer! Warmly, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Elle, & Ms. Jennifer

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



Orange Room News

Happy October! As we settle into fall, we're feeling so proud of how well the children have adjusted to life in the Orange Room. They've grown more comfortable with our routines, are forming strong relationships with their peers and teachers, and are beginning to show so much confidence in navigating the classroom. It's truly a joy to see their personalities and friendships blossom.

This month, we'll be embracing the season with a variety of autumn-themed activities that focus on nature, sensory exploration, and creative expression. Our curriculum will weave in hands-on experiences that invite children to explore the world around them.

Here are some of the seasonal themes and activities we'll be exploring in October:

Leaves & Trees – We'll collect and examine leaves of different shapes, sizes, and colors. Children will use them for leaf rubbings, sorting by attributes, and incorporating them into nature-inspired art.

Pumpkins – We'll explore pumpkins inside and out! For sensory play to measuring, painting, and even using them in science experiments, pumpkins offer endless opportunities for learning.

Harvest & Nature Walks – We'll take walks to notice the changes in our environment. We'll talk about what animals and people do to prepare for colder weather, and gather natural items for our discovery table.

Art & Sensory Play – Expect lots of fall colors in our art this month! We'll be using materials like corn kernels, cinnamon sticks, acorns, and lots of others in our sensory bins and process art projects.

Seasonal Books & Songs – We're incorporating stories and songs about falling leaves, squirrels, apples, and pumpkins to support language development and bring the season to life in the classroom.

As always, we'll continue to balance our days with time for outdoor play, open-ended exploration, and building on children's interests and questions. Please dress your child in layers for the cooler mornings and make sure they have extra clothes in their cubby just in case.

We're looking forward to all the discoveries this season brings. Thank you for partnering with us and sharing in your child's journey!

Warmly,
Ms. Katie, Ms. Tami, and Ms. Sade
The Orange Room Team



Yellow Room News

Hello Families,

We can't believe October is here already! We had a great first few weeks getting to know new friends and adjusting to a new classroom. We love seeing all the kids working together, forming friendships, and exploring their interests.

This month, we will continue to focus on classroom rules/expectations and our classroom schedule. We will also be exploring fall themes, including apples, pumpkins, fire safety, etc. We are very excited to celebrate Halloween as well; more details to come.

Thank you, parents and families, for an amazing start to our year. As we are adjusting to our routine, please note there may not be pictures posted every day with our daily post. Our main priority is, of course, the children and their safety. I hope to post pictures weekly and gradually work up to pictures each day. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to make adjustments.

All the best,
Ms. Jackie, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Chris

Meet the Spotted Zebra Herd!

Therapists and Special Educators

Ms. Juli	Psychology
Ms. Marlis	OT
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 S	Speech (Violet)
Ms. Wendy	Speech
Ms. Cindy	PT (B, G, O)
Ms. Allison R	PT (Y, V, Teal)
Ms. Olivia	Speech (Green)
Ms. Kelly	OT (Teal)
Ms. Kaitlin	Speech (Teal)
Mr. Will	Speech

Offsite Therapists

Ms. Nicole G	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
Ms. Kaitlin	Speech
Ms. Christy	SEIT
Ms. Carolyn	SEIT

Floating Teachers

Ms. Karen
Ms. Allison K
Ms. Josilyn
Ms. Jennifer S
Ms. Dillyn
Ms. Jescyka
Ms. Kiley
Ms. Mollie
Ms. Maeghan
Ms. Alaina
Ms. Ava

Admin Team

Ms. Sheri
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