

THE SPOTTED ZEBRA

Learning Center

September 2026

Reminders:

- ❖ School Supply Drop off is on Tuesday 9/8 from 3-4
- ❖ The 26-27 school year starts on Wednesday 9/9!
- ❖ We are having a School Open House on 10/1 from 6-7!



Admin News

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School year! We are so excited to welcome new and returning families back for another year of learning, growing, and fun!

Here at Spotted Zebra we are all about growth: growing physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually for everyone. We love getting to see our children and staff grow, and we love that our families help promote that as well. One of our methods for improving how we operate is through our anonymous comment box in the back vestibule. Please feel free to leave a note with a question, comment, concern, or just a hello! Any and all feedback is valuable and helps us grow to match the needs of our families.

A couple of reminders:

- We are a peanut and tree nut free school, please check packaging to ensure that your children's snacks do not contain nuts and label snacks outside of packaging as "nut free"
- Please label your children's belongings! We have many matching backpacks, lunchboxes, and water bottles, and we want to make sure they go back home with the right families!
- If you would like to purchase pizza and juice for Friday lunch please fill out the pizza order form and return it to Derek at the front desk, or your classroom teachers

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're so excited to begin a new school year together! Whether your child is joining us for the first time or returning to the Teal Room, September is all about building relationships with adults and peers, exploring our classroom, and becoming comfortable with our daily routines. We'll spend lots of time exploring our classroom, learning about our environment, and discovering our different play areas and materials. Our main focus this month will be becoming familiar with our daily routines. Most importantly, September is about getting to know one another! We will be building relationships with teachers and friends, learning how to communicate our wants and needs, and discovering what helps each child feel safe and successful at school.

Important Reminders:

Open House: Thursday, October 1st
6:30PM - 7:15PM

We can't wait for a wonderful year of learning, growing, and making memories together!

Best,

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



Violet Room News

Welcome to the Violet Room! We're so excited to welcome many new faces to our school and classroom for the first time. Teachers and therapists are prepared with plenty of hugs, comforting words, and reassurance to aid this transition and ease anxiety for both kiddos and parents. This year is going to be full of fun, friendship, and learning each day. We've worked hard to plan exciting and engaging activities that we plan to explore together after getting accustomed to daily activities. During the first few weeks of school, we will be focusing on learning classroom rules & routines, becoming familiar with other classmates and teachers, and learning our way around the school. We will also learn our daily schedule, introduce new activities like small groups, and adjust to new expectations as the weeks progress. We will spend lots of time getting acclimated before we dive into themes such as "My Name", "My Family", and "My School" later in the month of September. Along with these "All About Me" themes, there will be plenty of fall fun and activities as we draw closer to the beginning of the season.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in labeling all of your child's belongings with their name or initials in order to avoid confusion and lost items. Please also remember we are a peanut/tree nut free school, and to label any food not in original packaging as "Nut Free". We believe that open communication between home and school is important for a successful year, and encourage you to reach out with any and all questions or concerns. We're already looking forward to the many adventures that this school year will bring!

See you soon!

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



Blue Room News

Welcome to Blue Room! We are so excited to be welcoming new friends into the classroom this year.

September will be a time for getting to know one another, becoming comfortable in our classroom, and learning our new rules and routines. We will practice things like listening, sharing, cleaning up, following directions, and taking care of each other and our toys.

We hope to get outside as much as we can before it gets cold out, so please pack appropriate clothing for the weather. The building can get chilly inside, so please bring a sweatshirt in case your child gets cold.

A couple reminders:

- We are a **TREE NUT/PEANUT FREE** school! We do have a peanut and hazelnut allergy in the room, so please be mindful of that.
- Please label all personal items (backpack, lunch box, water bottle, extra clothing, sunscreen, nap items)

A special birthday shoutout to Ms. Daphne (9/10) and Ms. Meghan (9/20)!

We cannot wait to have an amazing year!

Ms. Daphne, Ms. Meghan and Ms. Jillian



Green Room News

Welcome to the Green Room!

We are so excited to welcome you and your child to the Green Room for the upcoming school year!

We have many fun-filled activities planned for the first month of school. September is all about getting to know the Green Room and each other, as well as welcoming Fall. We will learn about the Green Room classroom rules and discover our classroom routine and daily schedule. Friends will role-play how to make and be good friends, and we'll get to know each other better through group activities and projects.

Helpful Reminders

- Please label all your child's belongings (e.g., clothing, lunchbox, blankets, crib sheet, diapers) to avoid confusion.
- Send a labeled water bottle for your child to use throughout the day.
- We are a tree nut/peanut-free school. If you send food that is not in its original packaging, please label it **Nut Free**.

We believe that home-school communication is very important for a successful school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at greenroom@spottedzebra.org. We look forward to getting to know all of you and watching the children grow this year!

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



Orange Room News

Welcome to a new school year in the Orange Room! We are so excited to begin this journey with your children and your family. September marks the beginning of an exciting time full of discovery. Our focus during these first weeks is to help your children feel welcome in our classroom community.

During the first several weeks, we will be guiding children through important routines, modeling positive behavior, and creating a warm and predictable environment. We spend this time intentionally teaching expectations and practicing classroom procedures. You'll see us engaging in activities that support friendship-building, cooperation, communication, and of course- play!

We also begin to explore how to use materials respectfully and how to navigate the classroom independently. Our daily schedule offers a balance of structure and flexibility to grow confidence as they adapt to their new learning environment.

The weather should be nice for the next several weeks, and we plan to take advantage of getting outside as much as we can! Please be mindful of what your children are wearing to school so that their attire is appropriate for all kinds of play.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or insights about your child. We look forward to an incredible year together in the Orange Room!

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



Yellow Room News

Welcome or welcome back to the Yellow Room! We are so excited to start an amazing school year together. We have so many fun and engaging things planned not only academically, but physically, socially, and emotionally. We will start the year off taking the time to get to know each other and learn about our classroom routines and expectations. Turn-taking with classroom jobs will be a very important part of our day as we learn responsibility and pride in being a part of a classroom community.

Friendly reminders:

- Apply sunscreen each morning before school, and send in a labeled one
- Please label all your child's belongings- water bottle, extra clothing, lunch box, folder, crib sheet, diapers
- We are a peanut/tree-nut free school; if you send food that is not in its original packaging, please label it nut-free.

Happy Birthday this month to:

Hayden- 9/23

We can't wait to kick off a great school year together!

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

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
Mr. Matt
Ms. Shannon
Ms. Rachael
Ms. Amy
Ms. Victoria
Ms. Jenna
Mr. Derek

