

THE SPOTTED ZEBRA

Learning Center

September 2024

Reminder:

- The 24-25 school year begins 9/4!
- Save the date! 10/9 is our school-wide open house from 6-7 PM



Welcome to the 24-25 school year! We are thrilled to welcome in new friends and welcome back old ones. We have some exciting news! This year features the fruits of our summer construction project – now introducing the Yellow and Teal Rooms, our new kindergarten and self-contained classrooms! We thank you for your patience as we put the finishing touches on the project over the next few weeks.

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 of this is through our anonymous comment box in our back vestibule. Please feel free to drop 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 children.

A couple of reminders:

- We are a peanut and tree nut free school, so please leave any nut snacks at home!
- Please label your child's belongings! We don't want to accidentally send someone home with someone else's bags or items!
- We will be having a school-wide open house on Wednesday 10/9 from 6-7PM! Come on by to meet the teachers, see the school, and have snacks!

If you have any questions about anything please email, leave a note, or come on up to the front and we would love to help out as best we can. Have a wonderful start to the school year!

Ms. Sheri, Mr. Matt, Ms. Shannon, and Mr. Derek

What is Happening in the Classrooms...



Violet Room News

Welcome to the Violet Room! We are so excited to welcome so many new faces to our wonderful school and classroom. All of the Violet Room teachers are anticipating an exciting, fun-filled year with all of our new friends! We are prepared with plenty of hugs, comforting words, and reassurance to aid the transition and ease anxiety. We believe that open communication between home and school is important, and greatly encourage you to reach out with any and all questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us at violetroom@spottedzebra.org.

During the month of September, we will be engaging in a variety of back to school activities focusing on themes such as "My Name", "My Family", and "My School" We will also be focusing on learning classroom routines and expectations and becoming familiar with other classmates and teachers. We will be spending lots of time getting acclimated before we dive into our many fun-filled activities!

We appreciate your cooperation in labeling all of your child's belongings to avoid confusion and lost items. Please label all clothing as well as personal effects (Crib sheet & blanket, water bottle, lunchbox, etc.) with names or initials. Please also remember we are a peanut/tree nut free school, and to label any food not in original packaging as "Nut Free". Both teachers and students in our school and in the Violet Room have nut allergies.

Lastly, we would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Calliah (10th), Joshua (16th), and Brodie (21st)!

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



Blue Room News

Welcome to the Blue Room! We are looking forward to welcoming new friends. The Blue room teachers have many fun-filled back to school activities planned. The first two weeks we will learn about routines and classroom expectations. September themes will include Getting to know you, My Family, and My New School. Each month we will learn about character traits that we will focus on and be rewarded for.

We strongly believe that home/school communication is very important for a successful school experience. Do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

It is very important that you label your child's items such as their extra clothing, sunscreen, and nap time items. Please send in a water bottle with your child to use throughout the day. Please remember that we are a nut free school, we ask that you label any foods nut free if they are not in the original package. The Blue Room has severe nut allergies.

Here is to an amazing school year,

Ms. Katina, Ms. Sunita, and Ms. Jackie



Green Room News

Welcome to the Green Room! We are so excited to have Nora S, Iris, Ethan, Harrison, Carter, George, Nora F, Lucas, Giuliana, Brodie, Nicholas, Gianna, Issac, Teddy, James, Alexis, and Liam joining us this year.

We have so 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. Our themes for this month are Welcome to School, Getting to Know Each Other, All About Me, and Friendship and Feelings. 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 get to know each other better through group activities/projects. We will work on patterns and making predictions to as what will come next during our calendar time.

Please don't forget to label all your child's belongings (e.g., clothing, lunchbox, blankets, crib sheet, diapers). This will help with any confusion about students' belongings throughout the year. Please send in a labeled water bottle with your child to use throughout the day. We are a tree nut/peanut free school; we ask that you label any foods not in the original package 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 reach out to greenroom@spottedzebra.org. We look forward to getting to know all of you and watching the children grow this year!!

The Green Room Teachers



Orange Room News

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! The Orange Room is excited for the next month of getting to know our students.

Our first couple of weeks we will be focusing A LOT on learning about our students and their families, establishing play skills, building friendships, and exploring our feelings and emotions. Since this will be many of our students' first time in school, we are starting out slow by introducing some of our favorite toys and activities.

We will be reading lots of stories about our feelings and the socioemotional struggles of starting school. Some of our favorite stories feature characters (Llama Llama, Pete the Cat, Piggy and Elephant, Roaring Mad Riley, and the Mixed up Monster).

By the end of September, we will start introducing fall-themed topics, such as apples, pumpkins, and fall leaves.

Since the weather should be nice for the next several weeks, 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!

Here's to a great year ahead!

Best,

Ms. Hope

Ms. Tami

Ms. Christiana



Yellow Room News

Welcome to the Yellow Kindergarten Room Arden, Arthur, Bennett, Enzo, Grant, Henry, Jack, Lukas, Lyla, Prue, Raegan, Riley L., Riley S., and Sage! We are excited to get to know you and your families. We have so many wonderful things planned to stimulate academic, physical, emotional and social development.

We will start off the year by taking the time to get to know each other and learn our kindergarten classroom routines, responsibilities and expectations, which are invaluable to starting a new school year. Please be on the lookout for activities to complete at home that will support this at school. Turn taking with classroom helper jobs will be an integral part of our day as we learn responsibility and pride in being part of a classroom community of learners and helpers. We will also use this time to build confidence and independence, as well as celebrate each of our unique qualities, as we participate in many What Makes Me and My Family Special activities. Throughout the month of September, we will introduce our math curriculum and dive right into counting and working with single digit numerals. We will also introduce our literacy program (Learning Without Tears) and supportive activities to begin exploring letters, letter sounds, and high frequency words ("Popcorn Words"). Finally, we will begin to explore autumn themed curriculum, including apples and the change in weather. The children will frequently participate in reading/listening/language development, math, writing, social studies (personal-social skills), puzzles/games, art/creativity, dramatic play, literacy, and science and discovery. Our specials each week will include: Amazing Athletes, Gym, Library, Where in the World Wednesday, Executive Functioning skills practice (ELEVATE), Book Club, and Music Class. Art, science, social studies, and other enrichment opportunities will also be integrated into structured play times, Learning Stations, and fine motor activities.

Please remember that the Yellow Kindergarten Room's academic day begins at 9 a.m. and we like to get busy right away so we can make the most of our time together! Don't forget to check email, your child's mail, and the Spotted Zebra website for more important information regarding our program. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and growing together! Before we close, please join us in wishing a Happy Belated Birthday to Henry and Riley S. who celebrated on June 30th, and Bennett who celebrated on July 23rd!

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

Meet the Spotted Zebra Herd!

Therapists and Special Educators

Ms. Juli	Psych
Ms. Marlis	OT (Orange)
Ms. Shawna	Speech
Ms. Kaylyn	Speech (Yellow)
Ms. Rachael	Speech (Blue)
Ms. Caitlin	OT (Y, B)
Ms. Nicole G	Speech
Ms. Kathi	PT
Ms. Rachel	Speech (BB)
Mr. Peter	OT
Ms. Rachel	Music
Ms. Carla	OT (V, G)
Ms. Allison T	Speech (Violet)
Ms. Nicole S	SEIT
Ms. Sarah	PT
Ms. Wendy	Speech
Ms. Cindy	PT (B, G, Y)
Ms. Laura	Speech
Ms. Allison R	PT (O, V)

Offsite Therapists

Ms. Shawna	Speech
Ms. Nicole G	Speech
Ms. Kathi	PT
Mr. Peter	OT
Ms. Nicole S	SEIT
Ms. Sarah	PT
Ms. Wendy	Speech

Floating Teachers

Ms. Lauren B
Ms. Chantal
Ms. Alaina
Ms. Tristyn
Ms. Nakisha

Admin Team

Ms. Sheri
Mr. Matt
Ms. Shannon
Ms. Amy
Ms. Brenda
Ms. Victoria
Mr. Derek

