



April News 2018



Violet Room News

Spring has arrived! It has been a snow-filled winter and we are ready for warmer days and spending more time outside. Please remember to send your child in wearing weather appropriate clothing (including sneakers) and check cubbies to make sure they are stocked with spring clothing. March was a very busy month! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and the letter "k" for king. This was followed by a review of colors and the letter "l" for leopard, which culminated in a week on rainbows and the letter "m" for minions. We ended the month with a unit on wind, diamonds and the letter "o". Thank you for your active participation in our letter of the week. At the end of the year each child will receive an alphabet book with pictures of the items and pictures for each letter.

In April we will dive into spring. We will focus on the changes in weather, flowers, ovals and birds. We will be focusing on the letters "p", "q" and "r". During the first week of April we will be introducing jobs. We will also be going on a field trip to Indian Ladder to see the baby animals.

~Ms. Chris, Ms. Erica, Ms. Shelby, and Ms. Kathy



Blue Room News

Although we welcomed spring, we are anxiously waiting for sun to shine down on us! It has been a long winter for all! In March we enjoyed our Dr. Seuss week, eating green eggs and ham and learning about rhyming words. The Wacky Wednesday outfits were nothing short of outstanding this year! We learned many healthy habits during our Dental Hygiene week. "Where Smiles Grow" sent a dental hygienist to our school to talk to the children about the importance of keeping their teeth clean. Our "Mystery Reader" month has extended into April. We would like to thank the parent volunteers for making this a huge success!

This month will be continuing our Community Helpers theme. A special "thank you" to our parents, who have, or are planning to, come in and teach us about firefighters, doctors, and police officers. After spring break, we will be learning about more community helpers and their roles in our lives. We have pediatric nurse and a veterinarian coming in to share their job duties with us as well! Our final theme of April will be "Spring." We have a field trip scheduled to Indian Ladder Farm to see the baby chicks and bunnies on Friday, April 13th. More details will be sent home soon!

Finally, a special Happy Birthday wish to Cooper and Cole!

~Ms. Kathryn, Ms. Renee, Ms. Jenna, & Ms. Karen



Bizzy Beez Activity Center

Join us as the Bizzy Beez staff takes your child on a SENSORrational journey! For the month of April, we will match EVERY admission and donate the funds to The Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region! Come have fun and help raise money for a great cause!

Saturdays 9:00am - 10:30am
\$5 per child



IMPORTANT ZEBRA DATES

Spring Recess: April 2-6, No Special Education Program

Field Trip: Indian Ladder Farm, April 13 at 9:00am

Spring Book Fair: April 23-28

Support Group Meeting: April 26, 6-8pm





Green Room News

Now that April is here, we are hoping to see more of the sun and less of the snow! April showers bring May flowers. This month we have two birthday celebrations: Connor and Ben (24th). Happy Birthday boys!

April themes will be: signs of spring, weather and Earth Day. We are looking forward to seeing robins, tulips, bunnies, and melting snow; we will use our observation and recording skills watch spring begin. On April 14th a veterinarian will visit our school and we are hoping to have a meteorologist visit to tell us more about weather as well. As it gets closer to Earth Day we will be asking for clean recycling items with which to build and sort.

April letters will be S, D, and P. We are so excited that we will have only four more letters to go after that – R, B, J, and U.

Think spring!

~Ms. Carol, Ms. Carrie, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Liz



Orange Room News

During the month of March we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and studied him as our author of the month. The children enjoyed reading many of his books including "Green Eggs and Ham" and "Fox in Socks." To tie in with Dr Seuss we focused heavily on rhyming in our literacy program. We also practiced with vowel sounds, including the "tricky y," "lazy e" and vowel blends. In our Go Math program we moved from addition to creating parts of a whole. The children had a lot of practice using snap cubes to represent math stories and solve missing information in equations. Finally, in our social studies curriculum we began learning about maps and where we fit in. We practiced learning our addresses and created maps of our homes and neighborhoods.

In April we will celebrate the arrival of spring by focusing on our new author of the month, Eric Carle. We will use his books such as The Tiny Seed and The Very Hungry Caterpillar to learn about the new life that spring brings as well as to study the life cycle and parts of plants. At the end of the month we will be caring for caterpillars and recording the changes we notice in our observation journals as we watch them transform to chrysalises and eventually Painted Lady butterflies. Since Earth Day falls in April we will discuss the three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle, as well as other ways we can take care of our Earth. In our Go Math program we will continue to practice with parts of a whole and begin to try out subtraction as well. We look forward to welcoming the beautiful spring weather. We would also like to wish Isla a very happy birthday!

~Ms. Terry, Ms. Smith, Ms. Burns, & Ms. Davis



Speckled Zebra News

Spring has arrived! As we go forward please remember to pack boots or sneakers for the playground and dress in long pants for outside play. We will be exploring nature as much as possible!

April brings us a new color of the month, yellow, to represent new growth and the sun! We will explore the Easter bunny and baby animals through movements, song and art. We will talk about new weather such as rain, clouds, wind and sunny skies. And we will continue to introduce large group play games using the parachute and focus on sharing and turn taking with friends this month.

~Ms. Liz, Mr. Jason, & Nana Karen



SAVE THE DATE

Family Support Group

April 26, 6-8pm

Join us as our host Matt Ryan discusses "Dealing with Challenging Behaviors." Learn strategies to address and manage behaviors, tantrums, and meltdowns!

Free childcare available with advance notice