



# November News 2018



## Violet Room News

The Violet Room teachers would like to thank all the parents who attended the Halloween party and sent in delicious treats and festive paper products. Fun was had by all who attended this spooky celebration.

The themes for the month of November are scarecrows/harvest, food glorious foods, and turkeys. After Thanksgiving Break we will start focusing on the shapes of the Season. Don't forget that theme related books, puzzles, and games are always welcomed. On Thursday, November 15th, we will be making friendship soup, corn bread, and butter with the children. A list will be posted with supplies we will need for this special luncheon.

Since friends in the Violet Room are now able to sit for longer periods of time we will be introducing a seven day calendar at circle time. We will practice saying, singing and signing names of the month, days of the week, and counting. Also with some support and encouragement, the little ones are now attempting to put on their own coats, following the hand washing routine, and cleaning up their spots after snack and lunch.

Within the next couple of weeks a note will be sent home about the alphabet bag and what assigned letter your child will be responsible for. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Violet Room teachers.

We would like to wish Ms. Shelby, Jillian, and Sean a very special "Happy Birthday!"

*~Ms. Chris, Ms. Renee, Ms. Shelby, Mr. Tyler and Ms. Kathy*



## Blue Room News

The month of October seemed to fly by in the Blue Room! We have been getting to know our friends and their interest! During the month of October, we had a special trip to Sunnyside Garden. We got to see pumpkins, and play on the hay bales! The children all loved it and had such a wonderful experience there! The children enjoyed learning about the pumpkins and learning how they grow! We also celebrated Halloween during the month of October. The children had a blast trick-or-treating in our costumes. I want to give a special thank you to Scott Lynch for coming in and giving us a lesson about fire safety!

In the month of November we will be learning about animals that live in the forest including what they eat, their appearance and where they sleep. We have a book, Safe From the Storm, which tells the story of a forest animal taking shelter from a thunderstorm. We will focus on number skills/quantity concepts, pre writing, speaking/listening, story sequencing and relating our own experiences to our play. Thanksgiving and family will close out the month of November. We will be talking about the holiday, what we are thankful for and how different families celebrate. The children will be learning Over the River and Through the Woods which ties in all three themes.

Thank you again for sending in the weekend sheets every week! It is very helpful in sparking conversation during snack and lunch time. The children really like to hear that their friends are doing many of the same activities on their "stay home" days. As the weather gets chilly please check your child's bin for appropriate clothing and be sure they have a jacket. Finally, we would like to say Happy Thanksgiving!

*~Ms. Jenna, Ms. Erica, Ms. Katina & Ms. Karen*

## Bizzy Beez Activity Center

Join us as the Bizzy Beez staff takes your child on a SENSORrational journey. Some activities include: *The Xtreme Board, The Smart Trainer, The Serenity Room, and The Air Walker Swing.*

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



## IMPORTANT ZEBRA DATES

NOVEMBER 7 & 8- Picture Days

NOVEMBER 12- No School

NOVEMBER 22 & 23- No School

NOVEMBER 26- Toys for Tots Drive Begins





## Green Room News

We had a wonderful October full of fall fun! Our fall sensory bins and activities have been a hit, as we got to explore many things such as leaves, beans, gourds, Indian Corn, and the inside of a pumpkin. The field trip to Sunnyside Gardens was great! We are happy that so many families could join us. We hope you had fun with us on Halloween as well!

In November we will continue to work on: a letter of the week in our journals using Handwriting Without Tears and our ABC Song Book; tracking print; recall and sequencing of stories; learning what author and illustrator means; ABB and AABB patterning; following verbal directions, and recognizing numerals and quantities. November themes that will embed all of these skills and more are: Artists, Author series – Mo Willems, Food and Thanksgiving, and Transportation.

We have an annual Thanksgiving “Stone Soup” Luncheon, that we invite our families to join, which focuses on sharing and happiness. We have tentatively scheduled this for Tuesday, November 20th. The date is subject to change, but we will keep you posted as it gets closer!

There are no November birthdays to celebrate. Have a wonderful month!

*~Ms. Carrie, Ms. Carol, Ms. Elle and Ms. Kathy*



## Orange Room News

October was certainly a busy month in the Orange Room! We went on our first field trip to Sunnyside Gardens as a part of our pumpkin study. We learned all about the parts of a pumpkin and how they grow throughout the seasons. At the end of the month we carved a pumpkin together, which was so much fun! Many of the children were brave enough to get messy scooping out the pulp and seeds. In our Math program we continued to work with numbers 1-5 as well as grouping and comparing sets. We began filling our word wall and learned several new popcorn words, including I, a, is, and, can, me, like and my. The children have enjoyed finding these words in our morning message each day and throughout the classroom! We also spent some time learning about fire safety and practicing to “stay low and go,” and “stop, drop and roll.” Finally we enjoyed learning about our Author of the Month, Laura Numeroff as well as participating in several Halloween related activities.

In November we will continue to work with numbers up to 5. We will be focusing on comparing numbers, using greater than, less than and equal to. In our Fountas and Pinnell literacy program we will continue to interact with our leveled texts and practice writing and drawing in our literacy journals. During reading groups we are working on a range of foundational skills including letter/sound identification, rhyming, syllables and comprehension skills. We will spend some time talking about the story of the first Thanksgiving and all the things we feel thankful for. We will also meet our new Author of the Month, James Dean, who is known for his “Pete the Cat” series. Finally, we would love to wish a very happy birthday to Rebecca.

*~Ms. Terry, Ms. Sbardella, Ms. Lucia and Ms. Jess*



## Speckled Zebra News

We have had such a fun October celebrating fall and Halloween. As we transition into November, we will continue with our color and letter recognition activities. We will also be exploring zoo animals, family and Thanksgiving. With the colder weather approaching, we have been spending more time in Bizzy Beez. Please be sure to send your child to school wearing sneakers so that they can run and play.

*~Ms. Kathryn, Nana Karen & Mr. Jason*

## WINTER ADVISORY

**With the winter months upon us, please remember to bring snow gear in a canvas storage bag. Also some extra clothing in case they get wet! The children will play outside as long as the temperature is above 32 degrees.**

**Just a reminder: We follow the South Colonie School District decisions for delays, early dismissals, and closings due to inclement weather. Please check your local listings.**