



# May News 2017



## Violet Room News

Happy spring! It's wonderful to finally see the grass turning green, buds blossoming into leaves, and flowers blooming. Now that it is warmer outside- and to the delight of the children- we have started taking our walks after lunch to the Crossings again.

The themes for the month of May are Garbage/Recycling, Caterpillars/Butterflies and Farm Animals. The letters we will focus on this month are S, T, U, and V. We also encourage families to share any theme related games, puzzles, and books with the class.

During the month of May the Violet class will learn firsthand about the life cycle of a caterpillar from larva to chrysalis to butterfly in our classroom. Once the butterflies are mature enough, we will release them at the Crossings.

If possible now that the mild and sunny weather has finally arrived please start applying sun block on your child(ren) before they come to school. It helps to alleviate some chaos that sometimes occurs preparing to go outdoors. If you haven't done so already please send in a new LABELED bottle of spray on sun block.

We look forward seeing everyone at the family breakfast towards the end of the month. The children will be making special gifts and delicious breakfast food to share with their families.

We would like to wish William a very special Happy Birthday!

*~Ms. Chris, Ms. Erica, Mr. Tyler, and Ms. Kathy*



## Blue Room News

The Blue Room spent the month of April welcoming spring. We enjoyed learning about flowers, rain and Earth Day. We are excited to see how our plants grow! As we do so, we continue to practice recycling and keeping our planet clean. The warmer weather has allowed us to get outside more and even take some walks. Thank you for being so diligent about sending in appropriate clothing and shoes!

May brings us to our topics of weather, insects and birds. We have started to do more S.T.E.M. activities in the classroom and plan to include these topics by making hurricanes in a bottle, building bird feeders and talking about the parts of a flower as ours grow. We are collecting toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls for these projects if you have any to send in.

We have been incorporating more tactile activities into our day, especially during morning free play. Some class favorites have been play doh, moon sand and pretend snow. Playing with the different materials allows the children to practice creativity, work on hand strength and develop fine motor skills. Our friends have really enjoyed helping to make these materials and using them throughout the day. Keep an eye out for a list of recipes so that you and your child can try some of them at home!

We would like wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our Blue Room moms. Thank you for all that you do!

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



## The Bizzy Beez Activity Center

Join us as the Bizzy Beez staff takes your child on a SENSORrational journey. Activities include; *The Xtreme Board, The Smart Trainer, The Serenity Room, and The Omi Vista Interactive Floor!*

**Saturdays 9:00am - 10:30am**

**\$5 per child**

## IMPORTANT ZEBRA DATES

**May 17-** Field Trip to Indian Ladder Farms

**May 25-** Spring Carnival~ 6pm-7:30pm

**May 26-** Family Day Breakfast~ 8:30-9am

**May 26-** Early Dismissal~1:30pm

**May 29-** No School





## Green Room News

The Green Room is ready for the month of May. Our friend Payton is turning 5 this month- Happy Birthday to her! We are learning all about gardens and the difference between flower and farm gardens. We will have fun planting and finding out the parts of a flower through song and our dramatic play area. We are also preparing for Mother's Day. We will then explore the animals that you find on a farm versus in the jungle. To expand on those themes we will learn about baby animals and visit the baby animals at Indian Ladder (May 17th-details to follow). Our classroom will have the opportunity to observe the transition from caterpillar to butterfly and discover many facts about the insects in our world.

*~Ms. Carol, Ms. Carrie, Ms. Erica, and Ms. Liz*



## Orange Room News

Throughout the month of April we focused on learning all about where we live, including our addresses and phone numbers. In honor of Earth Day, which was April 22nd, we focused many of our lessons on recycling and conservation. The children were excited to look for the recycling symbol on various items and to think of ways that we could make a difference in our classroom. In our Math program we wrapped up subtraction. The children really did great with reading and solving subtraction sentences. We enjoyed learning all about our Author of the Month, Eric Carle and participating in art projects using his techniques. Finally, we began learning about plant life cycles and started our own planting projects. The children were excited to watch their bean plants sprout in our classroom windows.

In May we will begin a very exciting butterfly study. We will be observing caterpillars as they transform into Painted Lady butterflies and we will record all the changes we see in observation journals. We will be meeting our new author of the month, Lois Ehlert, whose books *Planting a Rainbow* and *Waiting for Wings* tie in nicely with our curriculum. We are excited to learn about baby animals as well, in preparation for our field trip to Indian Ladder farms, which will be on May 17th. In our Touch Math program we will begin working with clocks. We will begin by introducing the parts of a clock and wrap up the month by learning to identify time to the hour and half hour. Finally, we would like to wish William a very happy birthday!

*~Ms. Terry, Ms. Lamitie, Ms. Leah, & Ms. Burns*



## Speckled Zebra News

Happy May, Speckled friends! As the warm weather approaches, we are happy to be spending more time playing outside and exploring the playground and nature! Just a reminder to provide sunscreen and sneakers for your child so that they can safely play on the playground. A few exciting things are happening this month! We are going to plant seeds and make observations about them; check their colors and sizes and see if they grow into flowers or beans. We also can't wait to observe caterpillars turn into butterflies and then release them into nature!

*~Ms. Liz, Ms. Leah & Mr. Jason*



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Spotted Zebra Learning Center Graduation will be held this year on

**FRIDAY JUNE 23 at 11:00am**

Please join us in our classrooms after for a pizza party!