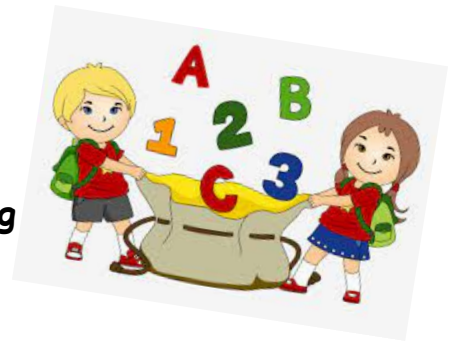


## September 2021 Newsletter

### Stepping Stones Class MTW Morning



Dear Families,

We would like to welcome you to MEEC! We are excited to start this school year with you and your child. Each month you will have access to a monthly newsletter that will introduce the themes and activities that your child will be participating in while at school. The newsletter will also contain important information about upcoming events such as outside parades, parties, etc. Monthly newsletters will be sent via e-mail and will also be available on the school's website [www.meec.us](http://www.meec.us). It is our hope that the information will help to prepare your child for class and foster conversation about their day.

**Email Check:** An electronic copy of this newsletter will be sent to you and all future newsletters will be sent home via email. Please check your email to be sure you have received a copy of this newsletter. If you have not, notify Miss Cindy to make sure she has an accurate email address for your family.

**Paperwork:** Please fill out and return ALL your paperwork that you received in your child's initial folder. Especially your child's Medical Statement filled out and signed by a physician. This important form must be on file in the office and is good for one calendar year. You may place all paperwork in the tray located in the hall, on the shelf, outside the big room.

**Remind App:** We will be utilizing this important texting app to communicate reminders about things at school like, Show-n-Tell, Field Trips, etc. Please sign up for the App by texting to the number 81010 and then put in the message @meesstep

**Letter of the Week:** Each week, starting in September we will be introducing a new letter of the alphabet at circle time and during tabletime, starting with "A". Activities throughout the week will reinforce the letter. Visual recognition of the uppercase letter is our goal, although we will be presenting the phonetic sound for those children who are developmentally ready. As the year progresses, we will have review and repetition of letters previously introduced.

**Gym Activities:** Your child will participate in gym activities daily. Motor development is the foundation to all development in young children. If not in the gym, they will be engaging in various gross motor activities (playground time, walks, etc.) to continue to promote these skills. Tennis shoes are necessary for gym and outside play. It provides your child with a safe shoe that allows for full participation.



**Journal Reading:** During circle time the children will be exposed to journal reading. After participation in activities, the teacher will record responses and print words on a chart. These responses will be read together and children who are beginning to read will be called upon to read aloud, as the teacher points to the words. This whole language approach to reading will help to build the symbol to word connection and reinforce the concept of left to right progression, as well as sight word vocabulary.

**Supplies:** We are asking that each family send in 1 spray bottle of liquid **Lysol All Purpose Cleaner** to help with daily sanitation of our classroom. In the future we ask for additional supplies such as tissues, hand sanitizer, or baby wipes.



**Snack:** Please be sure to go Sign Up Genius and sign up to bring snack for your child's class. Copy and paste the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dacab2ba3f4cf8-stepping1>

Supply snack for the number of days your child is in school that week. Please give these supplies to a teacher when you arrive at the classroom door. We request that you send in water (no juice) to drink, and a healthy snack for 20 children. Keep in mind that due to allergies, no dairy or nuts. If your child is on a special diet and brings his/her own snack please make sure to tell a teacher and put the snack in their backpack.

**Birthdays:** Please let your child's teacher know if it is their birthday, so we may celebrate their special day. You are welcome to send in a special snack or treat (prepackaged) for the class on that day, if you choose.

**Lifetouch Photography:** School pictures will be on Wednesday, September 29th and Thursday September 30th. More information will be forthcoming.

**Show-n-Tell:** We will have Show-n-Tell about once every month. Generally, children will be asked to bring in a theme-related item. Show-n-Tell encourages social interaction and language expression. Please prepare your child in advance by having them practice saying a few words about what they have chosen to bring in. Please mark your calendar for the

date of Show-n-Tell. This month Show-n-Tell will be on Wednesday, September 22nd. Children are asked to bring in their "Favorite Summer Treasure".

**Cooking Lesson:** Please send in one peeled apple in a plastic bag on **Wednesday, September 15th**. We will be making apple sauce. Cooking lessons encourage self-help skills and fine motor development as children cut, stir, mix, roll, measure, etc. Children have experience with cause and effect, and they gain practice in sequencing, as students recall the steps. Finally, cooking fosters a sense of accomplishment as children perform a life skill, and enjoy the product they have created.



## September Themes:

Friends, Apples, Body Parts, Color Review

### **September Songs:**

"Two Little Apples"

"Johnny Appleseed Song"

"I Am Me"

"Shake a Friend's Hand"

"Happy You're Here"

"Head, Shoulders, Knees, Toes"

### **September Gym:**

Outside Play

Obstacle Course

Bouncing Apples on a bedsheet

Friends in the Dell

Ball Skills with partners

## Classroom Activities

**Week of September 7-8**

**Theme: Friends**

First Day of School Drawing

Friendship Garden Art



**Week of September 13-15**

**Theme: Apples/ Letter A**

Parts of an Apple Art

Apple Tree Art

Apple Stickers on Letter A



**Week of September 20-22**

**Theme: Self/Body, Letter B**

Draw Body/Self

All About Me

Gluing Buttons on Letter B

Show-n-Tell "Summer Treasure" (Wednesday)



**Week of September 27-29**

**Theme: Color Review/Letter C**

Rainbow Art

Bubble Wrap Colors

Gluing Colorful Candies on C



The entire staff at MEEC looks forward to a fun and productive school year. Please remember if you have a question or comment, feel free to talk to your teacher.

Thank you and have a great school year.

Miss DeAnna, Miss Tonya, Miss Jill

