

**September 2019 Newsletter**  
**Pre-K Class M-F Afternoon**



Dear Families,

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 field trips, 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). In addition a copy will remain posted on the classroom board in the hallway for your reference. It is our hope that the information will help to prepare your child for class and foster conversation about their day.

**Look for the Green Board:** Check out classroom reminders on our green board posted on the classroom door.

**Paperwork:** Please send in your "Family Inventory & Needs Assessment" no later than **September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Place them in the marked trays on the beige shelf in the hallway.

**Letter of the Week:** Each week we will be introducing a new letter of the alphabet at circletime, 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.

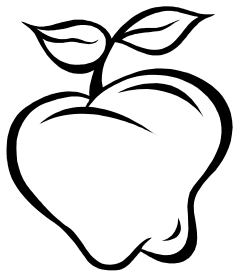
**Gym Activities:** Children participate in gym activities throughout the week. Tennis shoes are necessary for gym. It provides your child with a safe shoe that allows for full participation.

**Journal Reading:** During circletime 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.

**Snack:** Please be sure to sign up to bring snack. See the sign-up sheet on the classroom bulletin board. Supply snack for the number of days your child is in school that week. Place it on the classroom cart or shelf in the hall. We request that you send in water (no juice) to drink, 5 oz. cups (no foam), and a healthy snack for 12 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 place it on the cart marked with their name.

**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 for the class on that day, if you choose.



**Cooking Lesson:** Please send in one peeled apple in a plastic bag, on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.** Children are asked to bring in their "favorite summer treasure".

**Field Trip to Red Wagon Farm:** An all school field trip to Red Wagon Farm has been planned for Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> . We require parent chaperones for the field trip and if you choose not to participate there is no school at MEEC that day. More information will be forthcoming.

## **SEPTEMBER THEMES: FRIENDS & APPLES**

### **September Songs:**

**“Shake a Friends Hand”**

**“Happy and You Know It”**

**“Hokey Pokey”**

**“Two Little Apples”**

**“I Am As I Am”**

**“Johnny Appleseed Song”**

### **September Gym:**

**Friends in the Dell**

**Outside Play**

**Bouncing an apple on the bed sheet**

## **WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9th**

**Monday –No School Teacher In-Service**

### **Activities:**

Playdough & Puzzles

Decorating “Boy or Girl” for a friendship project

Shape Review

Color Review

## **WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

**LETTER: Aa**

### **Circletime:**

Dressing up like Johnny Appleseed

Flannel board story “Little Red House”

Sequencing the steps to make applesauce

### **Activities:**

Painting apples red

Making an apple tree (rolling tissue for fine motor)

Cutting apples to make applesauce (fine motor)

Putting ants on the letter “A”

Tearing red paper and gluing on apple (fine motor)

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**LETTER: Bb**

**Activities:**

Coloring sample to share at conferences  
Scissor Skill practice, work sample for conferences  
Show-n-Tell Tuesday "Summer Treasure"  
Painting the letter "B" Blue  
Vote for your favorite apple "yellow, red, green"  
(Taste testing & graphing)

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 Lynn, Miss Tonya, Miss Deanna