## September 2020 Newsletter Stepping Stones A.M.

Dear Families,

So glad that the children are beginning to settle in and are becoming more comfortable at school. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year. Remember newsletters will be e-mailed to you and you can also find them on our website www.meec.us

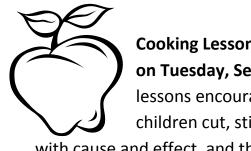
**Paperwork**: Please fill out and return ALL your paperwork that was paper clipped together in your packet by the end of the first week of school. You may place them in your child's backpack for the teachers to retrieve.

Letter of the Week: Each week, starting in mid-September 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.

**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 15**<sup>th</sup> . Children are asked to bring in their "favorite summer treasure".

**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.

Labor Day: No School Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>



Cooking Lesson: Please send in one peeled apple in a plastic bag, on Tuesday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> . 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: Shape, Color, and Body Part Review, Apples

**September Songs:** September Gym: "I Am Me" Friends in the Dell

"Two Little Apples" **Outside Play** 

"Johnny Appleseed Song" Bouncing an apple on the bed sheet

WEEK OF AUGUST 31st **THEME: Shape Review** 

Activities: Color Matching Shape Review

**Sorting Shapes** 

Color, Trace, Draw Shape Review

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> **THEME: Color Review** 

\*No School Monday – Labor Day

Activities: Following 2-step directions with colors wkst.

Sorting colors

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

Activities: **Decorating Hand Prints** 

Boy/Girl Art

Show-n-Tell on Tuesday —Favorite Summer Treasure

**THEME: Self/Body Parts** 

Draw a Person

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> THEME: APPLES LETTER: Aa

Circletime: Dressing up like Johnny Appleseed

Flannel board story "Little Red House"

Sequencing the steps to make applesauce

Activities: Painting apples red

Cutting apples to make applesauce (fine motor)

Putting ants on the letter "A"

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

LETTER: Bb

Activities: Coloring Sample

Scissor Skills & Pre-writing Strokes

Painting the Letter "B" Blue

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 reach out via, email, phone call, or Remind app. Thank you and have a great school year.

Miss Lynn, Miss Tonya, Miss DeAnna, Miss Beth