

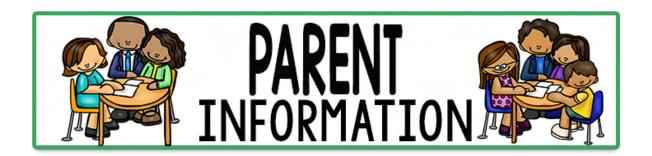
Wee Three's AM BIG ROOM Newsletter September 2025

Dear Families,

Hello! Welcome to Middleburg Early Education Center (MEEC) and the start to a new and exciting school year! We are excited to be working with your family this year. Each month, you will be receiving a newsletter via email, introducing our classroom themes and alerting you to upcoming dates and events. It is our hope that this communication will help you prepare your child for class, as well as help with conversations about their school day.

For the month of September, we will be concentrating on adjusting to our new classroom setting and meeting new friends! We will also be learning some new developmental and social skills that are an integral part of our learning environment.





Class Dojo: This year we will be utilizing this important texting app to communicate reminders about things happening at school, school cancellations, Field Trips etc. All families should have at least one family member join. Parents, you will be able to text directly back and forth with your teacher. This is an easy and quick way to communicate with our staff. Please feel free to share this with other family members. Sign up with this Class Dojo Link and download the Class Dojo app! Please note that you do not need to pay for this app. We will be using this app for communication only and not for behavior.

Snack Sign-Up: Each family is asked to sign up to provide a week's worth of snacks at least once before January. You can sign up for your child's class by clicking this link <u>Snack Sign Up</u>. We ask that you bring a healthy snack for 21 students.

Please keep in mind that we are a NUT FREE school due to allergies.

Fresh fruit or veggies cut up are always encouraged! Children at this age can be limited in their snack selections, so we encourage them to try new foods!

Please provide one gallon jug of water, a large package of napkins, and one package of 5 oz. cups.



Paperwork: Please fill out and return <u>ALL</u> paperwork that you received in your child's initial folder. Your child's Medical Statement is especially important! This should be filled out and signed by a physician and must be on file in the office. The Family Needs Assessment is also vital information that helps our staff learn more about your child! Please return your paperwork to the green tray in the hall, on the shelf, outside of the big room no later than **Friday**, **September 12th**.

Email Address: This month's newsletter is being sent home and also being sent via email. Please check your email to be sure that you have received a digital copy of the newsletter. If for some reason you do not receive an email version of the newsletter, please let Ms. Cindy know, so that she has an accurate email address for your family.

MEEC SPIRIT SALE: We are excited for our spirit wear sale! The spirit store will accept online orders until September 19th. Throughout the school year we will have spirit days, so grab your gear today! This will be the only sale of the year!

Backpacks: Please make sure to send your child to school with a backpack each day. We also ask that you check their backpack daily for any mail that they may receive. Please also include a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack because we often get messy at preschool! If your child is not potty trained, please pack a few diapers and wipes also.

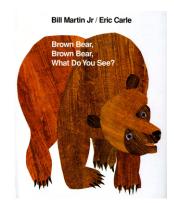


Proper Shoes and Clothing: Tennis shoes are to be worn at school. Please NO crocs, flip flops, or open toe sandals. Gym activities require a rubber sole to support safe participation. In preschool, we do many activities with markers, paint, or glue which generally wash out of clothing, but it is always a good idea to have your child dressed in clothing that you wouldn't mind getting messy. We also ask that you provide an extra change of clothes in your child's backpack just in case!



Birthdays: Please let your child's teacher know if it is their birthday, so that 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!

Brown Bear, Brown Bear: The first few months of school, we will be working on identifying nine colors and creating our own version of the book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do YOu See?* by: Eric Carle. Each week the children will complete a color in their book. They will also begin to develop literacy skills as we discuss the title and author of the book. We will practice reading our book aloud each week. The children will begin to understand the meaning behind printed text by using their "reading finger" on the words as we read aloud. The



children will also gain understanding that when reading, we start from the left and go to the right. In addition, we will also work on turning one page at a time. We hope that you will be surprised when they bring the book home and try to read it to you!

Color of the Week: Each week we will be learning a new color. We encourage everyone to wear that color to school on each Friday. Please do not feel that you need to purchase a certain color shirt. Just a little bit of color would be great! This will help make a great connection at home with the activities that we are doing at school! Thank you for your support!



Monthly Songs: Each month your child will be learning new songs during circle time. You will receive a copy of lyrics to some of the songs that will be introduced. This is a great tool to help build the connection between classroom activities and home!





Entry: Children will enter the classroom, hang up their belongings, and then go to their teachers table for a fine motor activity.

Circle Time: All of the children will gather on the carpet for a language-based lesson which will include music and movement activities. Here, we will sing a "Hello" song that greets each child individually. We will also sing about the weather, monthly themes, etc. All of the classroom teachers sit with the children and help foster participation while at circle time.

Craft: The children will then return to their teachers table for a theme related art activity. During this time, children begin to learn how to follow directions, develop fine motor skills, and learn how to create preschool masterpieces!

Gym/Freeplay: The children will then go to the gym for gross motor work OR stay in the classroom for freeplay. Gym includes an obstacle course paired with the weekly theme, along with large group activities that develop their gross motor skills. During freeplay, children are allowed to make a plan for the free play by choosing their desired activity from 3-4 choices provided. This is a great opportunity to make a plan, carry it out, and engage with their peers! The children will have the opportunity to do both gym and freeplay daily.

Snack/Dismissal: At snack time, children on their table manners, opening containers, and verbalizing requests. This is a great time to engage in conversations with teachers and peers!

Classroom Activities

September Themes:

All About Me
Friends
Colors
Things in the Air
Seasons



Week of September 1st:

Handprint Keepsake Backpack School Rules Craft



Apple Craft
Brown Bear Book- Red Bird
WEAR RED ON FRIDAY

Week of September 15th: Minion Craft Brown Bear Book-Yellow Duck

Week of September 22nd:

Songs:

Friends in the Dell
Shake a Friend's Hand
If You're Happy & You
Know it
Wheels on the Bus
Way Up High in the Apple
Tree
The Airplane Song









Hot Air Balloon Craft
Brown Bear Book- Blue Horse
WEAR BLUE ON FRIDAY
Week of September 29th:
Butterfly Craft
Brown Bear Book-Green Frog
WEAR GREEN ON FRIDAY



The entire staff at MEEC looks forward to a fun and exciting school year. We are excited to get to know your child and watch him/her develop and grow throughout the school year! If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to your teacher!

Thank you and have a wonderful school year!

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