

# October Newsletter 2023

## Stepping Stones Class M-W



Dear Families,

The first month of school is officially in the books! The children have done a great job of settling into the routine of school. We are on our way to learning many new things and making lasting friendships!! We have many fun activities for the month of October.

**Question of the Month:** Each month the children will be asked to learn an answer to an important question, in an effort to better prepare them for kindergarten. The question for October is "What is your first and last name?" The teachers will be testing the children at the end of the month. Please practice these monthly questions at home as well.

**Mystery Reader:** We are excited to bring back and invite "Mystery Readers" into the classroom. Our Mystery Reader (parent/grandparent/graduate of MEEC) will prepare a short story to read to the class on their assigned day at 10:45am. We ask that you wait in the hall until we are ready for your surprise visit. The children get very excited to see who the mystery reader is - so it's a secret! If interested, please sign up through the Signup Genius link: [Stepping Stones Mystery Reader](#)

**Work Samples:** Some of the work/activities your child completes in the Stepping Stones class will not be sent home. Teachers will be keeping some work samples to share at conference time.

### Upcoming Events/Activities:

**October 10th - [All School Field Trip Cleveland Zoo & Rainforest.](#)**

Families will drive and meet at the ticket booth on Tuesday, October 10th at 10am. You can walk the zoo and rainforest with your friends while completing a scavenger hunt. We will gather at 11:30am at the Palava Pavilion for lunch. **There will be no school this day, so please mark your calendar.**



**October 18th - [Fall Picture Day](#):** Lifetouch Photography will be at our school on Wednesday October 18th to take fall school pictures during our class time. You will receive your child's proofs that day and online orders will be taken until the following week. All families ordering pictures will receive a class photo as well.

**October 20th - Trunk or Treat:** We will be hosting our first Trunk or Treat in collaboration with Bethel Lutheran Church on October 20th from 6:30-7:30pm. Come to trick or treat OR reserve a parking spot to show off your decorated trunk and pass out candy. Flier coming with more information.

**October 24th - Show-n-Tell:** The children are asked to bring in one part or piece of their Halloween costume. The other children will try to guess what they will be.



**October 31st - [Halloween Party and Parade](#):** Students will come to school dressed in their costumes and bring a treat to share with their friends. The Stepping Stones students will parade in the back parking lot at 11:15am. Please arrive for the Halloween Parade by 11:05am. A flier with more information will come home this month. [Click Here](#) to sign up to donate to our Halloween party.

**November 3rd & 7th - Parent/Teacher Conferences:** No School at MEEC on those days. More information will be forthcoming.



### **Celebrating Birthdays This Month:**

Tyler - October 22nd



### **October Themes: Fall & Halloween**

#### **October Songs**

"Going to the Zoo"  
"Five Little Pumpkin"  
"Stirring My Brew"  
"Spooky Loo"  
"Bart the Bat"

#### **October Gym**

Spider Web Game  
Bean Bags at Targets  
Rhythm Sticks  
Animal Obstacle Course  
Scooter Boards

## Classroom Activities:

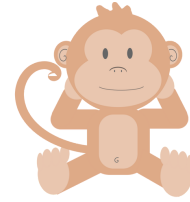
**Week of October 2nd**

**Theme:** Zoo/Letter D

Monkey

Binoculars (to take to the zoo)

Doughnuts for Letter D



**Week of October 10th**

**Theme:** Zoo/Letter E

Put Me in the Zoo

\*Zoo Field Trip Tuesday - No School

Emojis on Letter E



**Week of October 16th**

**Theme:** Halloween/Letter F

Halloween Treat Bags

Frankenstein

Flowers on Letter F



**Week of October 23rd**

**Theme:** Halloween/Letter G

Witch

Candy Corn

Show & Tell: Part of Halloween

Ghostly Letter G

\*Wed - Picture Day!



**Costume (Tuesday 10/24)**



**Week of October 30th**

**Theme:** Halloween/Letter H

Ghost Under the Sheet

\*Tuesday - Halloween Party - Wear your costume to school & bring treats

Letter H

Fall Corn



Ms. DeAnna, Ms. Sarah, Ms. Devin, Ms. Danae, Ms. Kim & Ms. Mamta