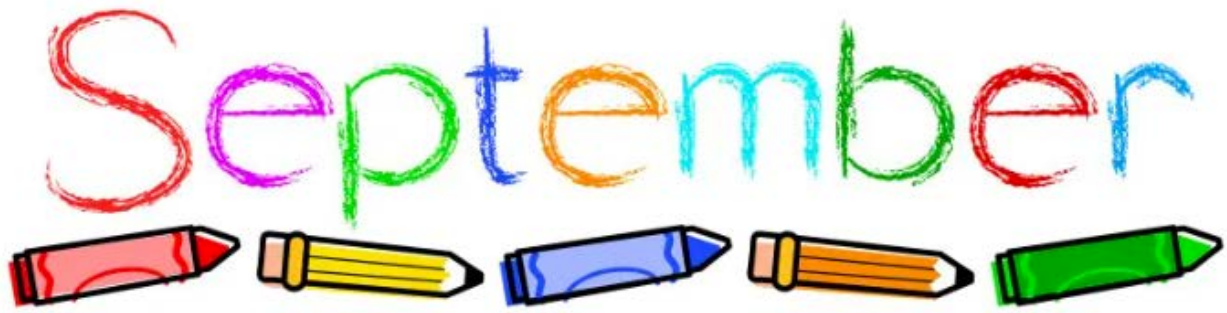




Pre-K Newsletter 2026

Dear Families,

We would like to welcome you to our Pre-K class at MEEC! We are excited to start this school year with you and your child. Each month, you will receive a newsletter introducing the themes and activities your child will participate in at school. The newsletter will also contain important information about upcoming events such as show & tell, question of the month, parades, parties, etc. Monthly newsletters will be sent via e-mail and will also be available on the [school's website](#). We hope that the information will help to prepare your child for class and foster conversation about their day.

Class Dojo: We will be using this important texting app to send reminders about school events, like Show-n-Tell, Field Trips, school cancellations, etc. All families should have at least one family member join. Parents, you will be able to text directly back to the teachers. 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 only be using this for communication and not for behavior.

Letter of the Week: Each week, starting in September, we will be introducing a new letter of the alphabet at circle time and during our centers, starting with "Aa". Activities throughout the week will reinforce the upper and lower letters. Visual recognition of these letters 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 a review and repetition of letters previously introduced. We will also complete an ABC Workbook every Friday that your child will complete and be able to take home towards the end of the school year.



Welcome to Pre-K!



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.

Journal Writing: Every Thursday, students will be given a writing prompt in their writing journals. Journaling is a great emergent writing activity that teaches children to express their thoughts on paper and helps them develop linguistic, motor, and social-emotional skills. As the year progresses, the students will also develop invented spelling. Invented spelling is a window into a student's thinking about print and letter/sound knowledge. Through the use of writing activities, students can demonstrate letter/sound knowledge, phonemic awareness skills, print awareness, language skills, and creativity.

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.



Snack: We ask families to sign up for snacks two times a year. 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, a healthy snack for 21 children for five days, and a roll of paper towels. **Keep in mind that due to allergies, no nuts, please.** 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. [Click here to sign up.](#) **At this time we have an ABUNDANCE OF GOLDFISH!**



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-and-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 Show-n-Tell date. This month's Show-n-Tell will be on **Tuesday, September 8th**. Children are asked to bring in their "**Favorite Summer Treasure**". This may be a souvenir from a vacation or a picture from a favorite summer activity.



S.T.E.A.M. Lessons: Once a week, we will be engaging in S.T.E.A.M. activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). During these activities, students will have the opportunity to problem-solve, be creative, ask questions, etc. Through fun projects/experiments such as cooking lessons, math activities, sensory activities, etc. These group activities also help and encourage self-help skills and fine motor development as children cut, stir, mix, roll, measure, etc. Children will gain experience with cause and effect, as well as practice sequencing and recalling information. Finally, STEAM fosters a sense of accomplishment as children perform a life skill and enjoy the product they have created.



Mystery Reader: We are excited to 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 2:20 pm. 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! [Mystery Reader Sign Up](#)

[MEEC Spirit Sale:](#) We are excited about our spirit wear sale! The spirit store will accept orders online until September 13th. Throughout the school year, we will have spirit days, so grab your MEEC gear today. This will be the only sale of the year!

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

Thank you, and have a great school year!

[Ms. Deanna](#), [Ms. Chelsea](#), [Ms. Tonya](#),
Ms. Brittany, Ms. Nikki, & Ms. Sidney





- **Circle Time-** Children will enter the classroom, hang up their belongings, and gather on the carpet for a language-based lesson and music and movement activities. Here, we sing a "Hello" song that greets each child individually. We sing about monthly themes, holidays, etc. All the teachers sit with the children. We review the calendar, weather, the Pledge of Allegiance, Letter of the Week, concepts, etc.
- **Centers** - The students will be divided into small groups to participate in 3 different centers. They will complete crafts (that are coordinated with our weekly themes), fine motor activities (cutting, pre-writing strokes, writing their name, etc.), and learn various concepts (matching, sorting, rhyming, listening skills, etc.).
- **Gym/Free Play-** The children will then go to the gym for gross motor work and then return to the classroom for free play. Children are allowed to make a plan for their free play by choosing their activity from 2-3 choices. This is a great opportunity to make a plan, carry it out, and engage with their peers.
- **Snack/Dismissal-** Snack time, children work on table manners, opening containers, pouring their drink, and verbalizing requests. This is a great time to engage in conversations with teachers and peers as well.

September Songs:

"I Am Me"
 "Shake a Friend's Hand"
 "Way Up High in the Apple Tree"
 I'm An Excavator
 I Have Five Senses

September Gym:

Friends in the Dell
 Parachute
 Ball Skills with partners
 Outside Play
 Sensory Course

Classroom Activities:

Week of August 31st

First Day Handprint
 All About Me Book Page
 Letter A - Animals
**** Return All About Me Bag on Wednesday**
 Grandparent Day Craft
 Letter A in ABC Book

Theme: All About Me/Letter A

STEAM: All About Me



Week of September 7th

***** No School Monday**

Name Crown

Friendship Tree

Show-N-Tell: Favorite Summer Treasure (Tuesday, September 8th)

Easel Painting of Me & Friend

Theme: Friends

STEAM: Game Day



Week of September 14th

Buildings

Construction Vehicles

Construction People

Letter B - Buttons

Construction Paper Craft

ABC Book - Letter B

Theme: Construction/Letter B

STEAM: Construction



Week of September 21st

***** Monday: bring a peeled apple**

Apple Craft

Eaten Apple Magnet

Letter C - Caramel Apples

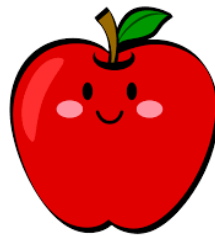
Apple Tree

Apple Tasting/Tasting

ABC Book - Letter C

Theme: Apples/Letter C

STEAM: Apple Exploration



Week of September 28th

Mr. Potato Head

Hands Touch

Letter D - Dots

Ear Hear

ABC Book - Letter D

Movie & Popcorn

Friday - FIELD TRIP - No School

Theme: Five Senses

