

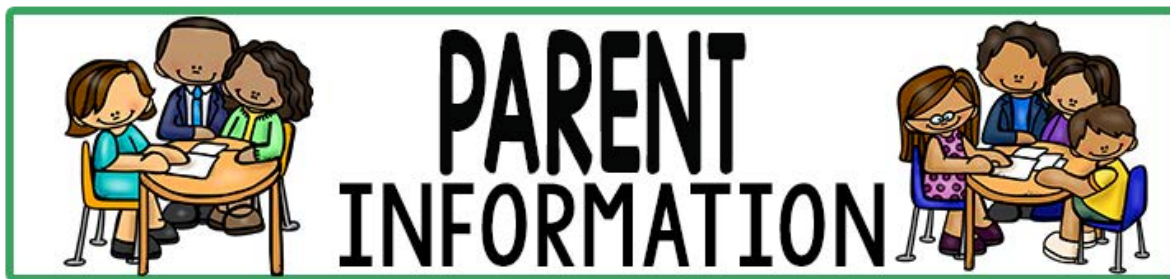
Great Beginnings Newsletter September 2026

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 [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 [Great Beginnings Snack Sign Up](#) . If your child attends MTW, please use the Monday slot, if your child attends TF, please use the Thursday slot. We ask that you bring a healthy snack for 7 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 ALL 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 11th**.

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 13th. Throughout the school year we will have spirit days, so grab your gear today! This will be the only sale of the year! [Click here to order](#)

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!



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!

Hello Song

We're Happy We are here
We're Happy We are here
Let's smile and wave and say hello
We're happy we are here

Friends in the Dell

(Name of Child) in the Dell
(Name of Child) in the Dell
Hi-Ho the derry-o
(Name of child) in the Dell
(Name of Child) picks a friend
(Name of Child) picks a friend
Hi-Ho the derry-o
(Name of child) picks a friend

Songs from Youtube

[Shake Your Sillies Out](#)

[Brand New Day](#)

[This is the Way We Make Friends](#)

Apple Tree Song

Way up high in the apple tree
Five little apples smied at me
I shook that tree as hard as
I could
Down came the apples,
Mmmm were they good.



Free Play: Kids will be able to choose from a variety of cause and effect toys and open-ended toys, etc. Teachers will facilitate parallel play and engagement with friends.

Circle Time: All the children will meet back at the table/carpet for language-based lessons and music activities. We will sing a "Hello" song that greets everyone individually. We incorporate fingerplays, read a story.

Gym: We will then go to the gym for gross motor work and group games and return to the classroom for circle time.

Fine Motor: Children will meet at the table for a variety of fine motor activities and other development skills.

Movement Break: The students will work outside the classroom on various movement activities. This movement break will allow their bodies to increase their blood and oxygen flow which will then positively affect their cognitive development.

Art: The students will meet at the table and work on a variety of art skills that go along with our theme for the week.

Snack/Dismissal: Snack time children work on table manners, making choices, and drinking from an open cup. This is a great time to create conversations with teachers and peers as well.

Classroom Activities

September Themes:

Back to school/Getting Acquainted

Friendship

Construction

Woodland Creatures

Farm

Week of August 31st:

Handprint Keepsake

Apple Craft

Bus Craft

Week of September 7th:

“Me” craft

Friendship tree

Week of September 14th:

Construction crafts

Week of September 21st:

Bear

Fox

Deer

Week of September 28th:

Tractor

Pig

Cow

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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