

Wee Three's AM BIG ROOM Newsletter September 2024

Dear Families,

Hello! Welcome to Middleburg Early Education Center (MEEC). 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 important 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 school.

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 skills!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION & DATES

Fall Field Trip: On **Tuesday, October 8th** we will have an all school field trip to Red Wagon Farm! Even if your child does not attend school on this day, they are invited! Families will meet at the farm and start their field trip at 10 am. Please don't forget to hand in your response form by **Friday, September 27th**. Money and forms are to be enclosed in an envelope marked field trip and returned to the bin on the shelf in the hall! Please remember that there will be NO SCHOOL on this day!

Fall Picture Day: Lifetouch Photography will be coming to our school on **Thursday, October 17th.** Pictures will be taken during your child's class time! A flier with more information will be sent home soon with more information.

I Went Walking: The first few months of school, we will be working on identifying nine colors and creating our own version of the book *I Went Walking by: Sue Williams.* Each week the children will complete a color in their book. They will also begin to gain literacy skills as we discuss the title and author of the book. We will practice reading our book aloud. 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 words, we start from t go to the right. In addition, we will work on turning one p



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

Proper Shoes and Clothing: Tennis shoes are to be worn to school. 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! If your child is not potty trained please also send in a few diapers/pull-ups.

Remind App: This app will help keep you up-to-date with what is going on in your child's class (reminders about special activities, school cancellations, etc.). You will also be able to communicate directly with your child's teacher through this app (questions, absences, etc.). Please text the number 81010 and then in the text message box enter the code @wee3am.

Wee 3's AM Remind Link

Snack Sign-Up: Each family is asked to sign up to supply a week's worth of snacks 1 to 2 times before January. You can sign up for your child's class by clicking the link below. Sign Up Here!





Due to food allergies, we have a **NO NUT OR NUT PRODUCTS** policy in the classroom. **Fresh fruit or veggies cut up are encouraged**. Children at this age can be limited in their snack selections, so we encourage them to try new foods!

PLEASE SUPPLY:

Snack for 18 students for 2 days

Backpacks: Please make sure to send your child to school with a backpack each day. We ask that you also 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 can get messy at preschool. If your child is not potty trained, please also pack a few diapers and wipes.

Email Address: This month's newsletter is being sent home and emailed to you. If for some reason you do not receive an email version of the newsletter, please let Ms. Cindy in the office know, so she can get your correct email address on file. All newsletters will be posted on our school website and emailed to you at the beginning of each month.

Family Needs Assessment: Please return the Family Needs Assessment paper to the tray in the hall outside of our classroom no later than September 13th.

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!





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 sing about the weather, monthly themes, etc. All of the classroom teachers sit with the children during circle time.

Craft: The children will then return to their teachers table for a theme related art activity.

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 and skills. During freeplay, children are allowed to make a plan for their free play by choosing their desired activity from 2-3 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 work 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 Apples Colors



Week of September 2nd:

Handprint Keepsake All About Me Worksheet Backpack School Rules Craft

Week of September 9th: Bluey Crown Blue Bird WEAR BLUE ON FRIDAY

Week of September 16th: Apple Tree Red Cow WEAR RED ON FRIDAY

Week of September 23rd: Green Frog Green Duck WEAR GREEN ON FRIDAY

Songs:

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









Week of September 30th: Yellow Sunflower Yellow Dog WEAR YELLOW ON FRIDAY



Again, we would like to welcome you to MEEC! We are looking forward to getting to know your child and watching him/her develop and grow throughout this school year!

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