

Stepping Stones Newsletter 2025

Dear Families,

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

Question of the Month: Each month the Stepping Stones class 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 throughout the month. Please emphasize just their first name and just their last name. Sometimes children run their first, middle, and last name all together, but don't really know the difference.

Work Samples: Some of the 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.

Letters: Please take the time to reinforce identifying the upper and lowercase letters we have learned so far. In addition, play games to teach your child about the sound of each letter. This can be done in many fun and physical ways that promote early literacy skills.



Upcoming Events/Activities:

October 1st - Please join us for the first PTO meeting of the school year! Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30pm in the MEEC Fellowship Hall or on Zoom. Link will be sent out the week of the meeting. We hope to see lots of new and returning family members!

October 8th & 9th - Fall Picture Day: Lifetouch Photography will be at our school 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.

October 17th - We are excited to visit the Lake Erie Science and Nature Center for our fall field trip this year. The Stepping Stones class will start their field trip promptly at 12:00pm. Permission slips and a flier will be sent out.

October 17th - <u>Trunk or Treating</u>: Bring the kiddos to our annual trunk or treating from 6:00-6:30pm. If you would like to decorate your trunk, give your name to the office. We need many cars to have a spooktacular good time! We ask for decorated cars to be in their spots by 5:45 pm.

October 28th - 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 29th - <u>Halloween Party and Parade</u>: 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. <u>Click Here</u> to sign up to donate to our Halloween party.

November 4th & 7th - Conference Dates: No School at MEEC on those days. Conference slips will be coming home soon. Please return them to the green tray in the hall no later than October 25th.



Celebrating A Birthday This Month:



October 2nd - Ava

October Themes: Fall & Halloween

October Songs

"My 5 Senses"

"Five Little Pumpkins"

"Stirring My Brew"

"Spooky Loo"

"Brown Squirrel"

October Gym

Spider Web Game

Bean Bags at Targets

Rhythm Sticks

Spooky Obstacle Course

Scooter Boards

Classroom Activities:

Week of September 29th

Mr. Potato Head

Hands

Doughnuts on Letter D

Theme: 5 Senses/Letter D



Week of October 6th

Frog Bird

Emoji on Letter E

Theme: Forest/Letter E

Week of October 13th NO SCHOOL 10/13

Ghosts Under Sheet Jack O'Lantern FIELD TRIP 10/17

Week of October 20th

Halloween Bag Candy Corn Flowers on Letter F Mystery Reader 10/21 Theme: Halloween



Theme: Halloween/Letter F



Theme: Halloween/Letter G

Week of October 27th Spider SHOW-N-TELL 10/28 Witch Ghostly Letter G

Halloween Party & Parade 10/29





Thank you so much for sharing your little ones with us! Please always reach out with any questions or suggestions. Thanks for all your support!

Ms. DeAnna, Ms. Sarah, Ms. Sidney, Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Kim & Ms. Nikki

