



Stepping Stones Newsletter

2024

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 8th - [Red Wagon Farm](#): On Tuesday, October 8th our school will have an all school field trip to Red Wagon Farm. Stepping Stones families will meet at the farm at 10:00am for our wagon ride. Don't be late!



October 16th - [Fall Picture Day](#): Lifetouch Photography will be at our school on Wednesday October 16th 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 18th - [Trunk or Treating](#): Bring the kiddos to our second annual trunk or treating starting at 6:00 pm. If you would like to decorate your trunk, give your name to the office. We ask for decorated cars to be in their spots by 5:45 pm.



October 29th - [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 30th - [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 11:05am. Please arrive for the Halloween Parade by 11:15am. A flier with more information will come home this month. [Click Here](#) to sign up to donate to our Halloween party.



November 5th & 8th - [Conference Dates](#): No School at MEEC on those days. Conference slips will be coming home soon. Please return them to the tray in the hall no later than October 25th

Celebrating A Birthday This Month:

Beckham - October 16th



October Themes: Fall & Halloween

October Songs

"Old McDonald Had a Farm"
"Five Little Pumpkin"
"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 30th

Scarecrow
Tractor
Dots on Letter D



Theme: Farm/Letter D



Week of October 7th

Pumpkins
Eerie Eyes on Letter E
* FIELD TRIP ON 10/8

Theme: Pumpkins/Letter E



Week of October 15th

No school 10/14
Mystery Reader 10/15
Bat
Football on Letter F

Theme: Halloween/Letter F



Week of October 21st
Halloween Bag
Cat
Ghostly Letter G



Theme: Halloween/Letter G



Week of October 28th
Spider Hat
Show & Tell 10/29
Ghost
Happy Face on Letter H

Theme: Halloween/Letter H



Ms. DeAnna, Ms. Sarah, Ms. Danae,

Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Kim, Ms. Dawn & Ms. Mamta