



Pre-K Newsletter 2024

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 have access to a monthly newsletter that will introduce the themes and activities that your child will be participating in while 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](#). It is our hope that the information will help to prepare your child for class and foster conversation about their day.

Email Check: An electronic copy of this newsletter will be sent to you and all future newsletters will be sent home via email. Please check your email to be sure you have received a copy of this newsletter. **If you have not, notify Miss Cindy to make sure she has an accurate email address for your family.**

Paperwork: Please fill out and return **ALL** your paperwork that you received in your child's initial folder. Especially your child's Medical Statement filled out and signed by a physician. This important form must be on file in the office and is good for one calendar year. You may place all paperwork in the tray located in the hall, on the shelf, outside the big room. **We would appreciate this paperwork by Friday, September 13th.**

Remind App: We will be utilizing this important texting app to communicate reminders about things at school 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 [Remind Link](#) or you can text the number 81010 and in the text message box type "@meecprek". Please let us know if you need any help.

Welcome to Pre-K!



Backpack - Please make sure to have 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.

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 letter. 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 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.



Gym Activities: Your child will participate in gym activities daily. Motor development is the foundation to all development in young children. If not in the gym, they will be engaging in various gross motor activities (playground time, walks, etc.) to continue to promote these skills. Tennis shoes every day are necessary for gym and outside play. It provides your child with a safe shoe that allows for full participation.



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.

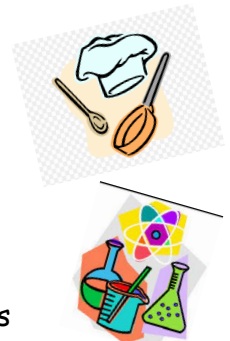


Snack: We ask families to sign up for snacks two times a year. Please give these supplies to a teacher when you arrive at the classroom door. We request that you send in water (no juice) to drink, 100 - 5 ounce cups, a large package of napkins, and a healthy snack for 20 children for five days. **Keep in mind that due to allergies, no dairy or nuts.** 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](#)



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-n-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 date of Show-n-Tell. This month Show-n-Tell will be on **Tuesday, September 10th**. Children are asked to bring in their **"Favorite Summer Treasure"**. This may be a souvenir from a vacation or 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.



Red Wagon Farm: On **Tuesday, October 8th** our school will have an all school field trip to Red Wagon Farm. Families will meet at the farm. The morning class will start their field trip 10am and the afternoon class will meet at 11:30am. The cost will be \$10 for children and \$2 for parents. Please complete your form, enclose cash in an envelope to the shelf in the hall. **Money and forms are due no later than Friday, September 27th.**



Mystery Reader: We are excited to bring back and 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 2:15pm. 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 18th. Throughout the school year we will have spirit days, so grab your MEEC gear today. This will be the only sale of the year!



- **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.
- **Movement Break** - The students will work inside and 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
- **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 out and engage with their peers.
- **Snack/Dismissal**- Snack time children work on table manners, opening containers, and verbalizing requests. This is a great time to engage in conversations with teachers and peers as well.

The entire staff at MEEC looks forward to a fun and productive school year. Please remember 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. Sarah](#), [Ms. Tonya](#),
Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Danae, Ms. Dawn, Ms. Mamta



September Songs:

- "I Am Me"
- "Shake a Friend's Hand"
- "Way Up High in the Apple Tree"
- "One, Two Buckle My Shoe"

September Gym:

- Chalk Bodies
- Friends in the Dell
- Ball Skills with partners
- Outside Play

Classroom Activities:

Week of September 3rd

- All About Me Book Page
- Friendship Tree
- Name Crown
- Grandparent Day Craft
- Decorate All About Me Bag

Theme: Friends/All About Me
FUN FRIDAY!



Week of September 9th

- My Family House
- Noodle Body
- Show-N-Tell: Favorite Summer Treasure (Tuesday September 10th)
- Letter A - Animals
- Easel Painting of Me
- ABC Book - Letter A

Theme: Family/Letter A
STEAM: All About Me



Week of September 16th

- Tear Apple Art
- Eaten Apple
- Letter B - Buttons on Blue
- Fingerprint Apple Tree
- ABC Book - Letter B

Theme: Apples/Letter B
STEAM: Apples



Week of September 23rd

- Apple on Top
- Chicka Chicka 123
- Letter C - Cookies
- Ten Black Dots
- ABC Book - Letter C

Theme: Numbers/Letter C
STEAM: Numbers

