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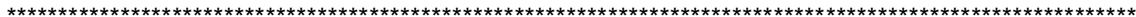
January 2012



We wish all our Erdman children, families and friends a happy, healthy 2012!

WINTER WEATHER ALERT

Your child must come to school ready to play outside. Winter jackets, snow pants, hats, warm, waterproof mittens and warm boots are required every day even if there is no snow on the ground! Your child needs extra dry socks and slippers or shoes to put on when the boots come off – especially if they are wet! We are outside everyday when the temperature and wind chill is above 20 degrees. The cones by the playground fence will tell you it's an outdoor day. Children love the snow and sledding on our small hill. Make sure they are warm and comfortable. One more comfort request – please make sure your child uses the bathroom before coming to school if we are starting outside with snowpants on! Teachers and children thank you!!!



CLASS ACTIVITIES

December was a short but busy month. All classes were happily involved making special gifts for their families and enjoying special projects and snacks with their parents. This month the cold weather will give us a chance to explore winter science and art. The Threes and Fours will learn about winter birds and make several birdfeeders for home and school. (Life Science #16 – Observe and describe seasonal changes in animals lives) The 4-day class will explore transportation and begin number themes. (Math#2- Connect quantities of items and actions to numbers) The MWF 4's and MTTH 4's are investigating shapes and numbers. They will be creating winter scenes on their bulletin boards as well as exploring the properties of ice and snow. The Fours will create number books, number lines, explore many number manipulatives and enjoy counting out snacks at snack time. The Threes will explore water, snow and ice in the sensory tables and watch the changes from solid to liquid and back again. (Physical science#19- Explore, describe, and compare properties of liquids and solids) They will work with shapes along with their winter science, art and language activities.

REGISTRATION

Registration for September 2012 is underway. Erdman families, current and past, may register this month. All Threes received an application in their cubbies. Extra applications are available in the Office. Please remember that your \$50. nonrefundable registration fee must accompany your application. Classes fill up quickly. All current students will have a place for next year and we will TRY to honor your first OR second choice if your application is in the office by **Friday, January 27**. A reminder that preference for the 4-day class is given, until April 15, to children who have completed a four year old class at Erdman, or another preschool, and would benefit from another year of growth and development before Kindergarten. If spaces are available after April 15, children from the Older Threes will be considered. New families may register beginning on February 1. If you have friends who are interested in the school please suggest that they attend the **Open House for prospective families on Saturday, January 28 from 10 to noon**, or ask them to call the office to request information and arrange a visit. Many people tell us that they hear very positive things about the school from their friends and neighbors. Thank you so very much for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fours Parent Conferences will take place this month.

MTTH 4's – Mon., 1/9 & 1/10

MWF AM 4's Mon., 1/30 & Tues., 1/31

MWF PM 4's Thurs. 1/19

4-Day – Tues., 1/24

Watch for a sign up sheet in your classroom or via email.

Monday, January 16 – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day.

Afternoon Explorers

It's not too late to join us on Mondays and/or Wednesdays for Lunch Bunch and Explorers! Three spaces are available each day. A wonderful chance for your child to benefit from fun, hands-on activities focused on letters and literacy while including science, math, creative experiences and outdoor exploration. Speak with Debby, Sue Tolman or Beth.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember that we follow the Scituate schools "Snow Day" cancellations.

NO SCHOOL in Scituate means NO SCHOOL at Erdman. A ONE HOUR delay means a ONE HOUR delay at Erdman. A

1 1/2 OR 2 HOUR DELAY MEANS NO SCHOOL at Erdman FOR THAT SESSION.

NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON

KINDERGARTEN SESSION MEANS NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLASSES AT

ERDMAN. Listen to WATD (95.5FM), WBZ (1030AM), WJDA (1300AM) or TV channels

4, 5, and 7. You may call the Scituate schools NO SCHOOL number at 545-8787

or visit the Scituate schools website **scituate.k12.ma.us** for up to date

information. Please remember that it is your responsibility to listen for school closings or

delays as there will not be anyone at Erdman to answer your calls. Please

always use your best judgment about bringing your child to school if the weather is

bad.

REMINDERS

Please LABEL all your child's outer clothing and boots. Many children (both 3s and 4s) do not recognize their belongings and many snowpants are identical. Helping your child learn how to put on and take off outerwear is a big confidence booster. We encourage independence at every age.

PARENT ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

A very special thank you to Amy Linnell, Laura MacMillan, Nancy Gould and Sarah Cassidy for coordinating the Bake Sale.

Thank you, too, to all who baked and supported the sale. You raised \$390. for the school. Our thanks, too, to all who shopped at The Toy Box and/or Harbor Light Toys

You have been most generous to our school. Your contributions to Helping Hands are very much appreciated. We are hoping to cover the cost of some of our special spring events. (3's farm trip and our beach workshop and are looking for a special event or visitor to bring to all classes this spring.)

Upcoming PAC events include an evening of Kindergarten Readiness information before February vacation and the annual Clean Sweep, on 1/21, to give Erdman a mid-year refresh before the New Family Open House. Watch for more information soon from event chairs or Class Ambassadors.

Next PAC Meeting 1/17 at 7:30 at school

WISH LIST

Tissue boxes, rectangle or square, and small jewelry boxes for Fours upcoming house project.

Small pieces of soft wood for woodworking
Do you have interesting stuff?
Please ask us – we could probably use it!

Now that we have solar panels on the church and a wind turbine coming to the Driftway we would love to have more information to share with our children. Are you knowledgeable in this type of energy?
Can you help us?

THANK YOU!