**Erdman Preschool**

**LUNCH BUNCH 2019-2020**

**Lunch Bunch Begins on Monday, September 16, 2019**

 Lunch Bunch is an opportunity for your child to stay at school after the morning session or arrive early for the afternoon class and play outside, eat lunch with friends, and enjoy indoor activities in the classroom between 11:30 and 1:00 **Monday through Friday**. Your child may stay for the full hour and a half or for any portion of that time. Lunch Bunch is supervised by Erdman teachers or teacher certified parent and a parent volunteer. All teachers and teacher certified parents who have the possibility for unmonitored contact with children have been cleared through the CORI process. A calendar will be posted on the Parent Board so that you will know which teacher and parent will be in charge each day. Your child should bring lunch and a drink in his/her school bag. Please consider that we cannot provide refrigeration or heat up foods when you make lunch choices. Small cold packs keep food cool and safe. Healthy foods are encouraged - such as simple sandwiches, meat, tuna fish, rice cakes, cereal, yogurt, fruit, crackers and cheese, vegetables, juice, milk or water.

 **Peanut butter, peanuts or tree nuts of any kind (examples are cashews, almonds, macadamia, etc.), nut oils or by-products are NOT ALLOWED at Lunch Bunch as we strive to be a nut-free school. Do not include any food items that have been processed in a plant, or on equipment, that also processes nuts. Cross contamination is possible. Any foods containing these items will be removed from your child’s lunch and returned to you at pick-up time.** Please read labels on packaged foods carefully. You must read this letter; sign and return the permission slip below before your child may stay for Lunch Bunch.

 Please consider if your child is ready to stay for an additional hour and a half. Many children need time to feel comfortable at school and settled into the routine and expectations. We want children to have fun and enjoy this experience and not be overwhelmed by too many transitions, new faces or extended time away from family. Please discuss your child’s readiness with your teachers. Also, please remember that you will always be able to sign up for lunch once your child is ready.

 **TOOTHBRUSHING:** Preschools must offer children the opportunity to brush their teeth after eating a meal. Participation is your choice. If you wish to have your child brush, please send a toothbrush, in a ventilated container (both must be labeled with your child’s name) in his/her lunch bag. Tooth paste will not be used. If you **do not want** your child to brush, you must complete the attached form and return it with your lunch bunch permission slip.

 **SIGN UP is available each Monday morning for that week starting at 8:30 AM by phone or in person (on the Parent Board).** **No emails or voicemails will be accepted.** There are 2 payment options: 1. Receive an invoice at the beginning of the month for past sessions or 2. Pay as you go by taking an envelope from the Parent Board, fill in the label and place your payment in the “PAID” folder.

**COST** $10.00 for one and a half hours. Please no coins!

**QUESTIONS????** Please ask Debby, Colleen or your child’s teacher. We’re looking forward to lots of fun.

**Please return this permission form BEFORE your child attends Lunch Bunch and keep the top portion for your reference.**

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(Please return this portion)

My child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_has my permission to participate in Lunch Bunch. I agree not to send any foods containing peanut butter, peanuts, any tree nuts or oil as described above in my child’s lunch. I understand that these items will be removed from my child’s lunch and returned to me at pick up time. I also understand that Lunch Bunch payment is due that day. You must return this form even if your child is enrolled in an afternoon extended day program.

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_