

ERDMAN NEWS

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PLEASE JOIN US AT THE HOLIDAY BAKE SALE AND HOLIDAY SING -A - LONG DECEMBER 17 AND 18

Please save some time during this busy season to share an Erdman tradition with your child. We will gather downstairs in the church hall on your child's last day of school at 11:15 or 3:15 to sing several favorite holiday songs and to wish each other a joyous holiday. Siblings are welcome. If you cannot be there please ask another special adult to join your child. Everyone loves the delicious baked goods, so please call your class ambassador or sign up to make a donation.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

December is a short but very busy month for everyone. All classes will be busy making special gifts for their families as we focus on caring for each other and celebrating family time rather than on a specific holiday. Just before the holiday break the Fours will make gingerbread cookies, houses and candy trees. Some Fours classes will also be exploring shapes. You will see different shape creations and circle, square, triangle and rectangle snacks. (Math # 10 – identifying and investigating materials of various shapes using appropriate language) Please check your class's message board each day so that you are current with the many activities that will be happening.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Threes Parent-Teacher conferences
Sign up sheets are posted by classroom doors.
- '10-'11 Kindergarten Registration takes place this week. If you are unsure about what will be best for your child next year, you may register at a later date. **If full day might be an option for you please register this week.**
 - Dec. 17 and 18 at 11:15 & 3:15
Holiday Bake Sale and Holiday Sing –a-long
No Lunch Bunch on those days.
 - December 19 – January 3 –Holiday Break. School resumes on Monday, Jan 4, 2009. Happy New Year to all!

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2010

Application forms for September 2010 will be available beginning on **Tuesday, January 5**. Each three year old will have one in his/her cubby. Parents of current Fours may pick up forms in the Office. Please clearly indicate your first **and** second choice of classes. **We will try to honor one of your choices if your application is in by January 29**. As noted on the application form, the Older Fours class gives preference, until May 1, to children who have completed a Fours class and would benefit from an extra year of development before Kindergarten. After that date children from the Older Threes class may be considered. Please note that the non-refundable \$50. deposit is due with your application. It is a separate fee and is not applied to the first month's tuition. Erdman siblings and former Erdman families may also register in January and will have preference over new families if applications are received **before** February 1st. Do not delay as classes fill up quickly. Beginning on February 1 registration will be open to new families on a first come first served basis. If you have friends who are interested in the school, please have them call the Office to ask for information and/or to set a date to visit. This year we will hold an **Open House for prospective families on Saturday,**

January 30 from 10 to noon. Please tell your friends!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of bad weather we follow the Scituate Public Schools cancellation policy. **No School in Scituate means No School at Erdman. A one hour delay means a one hour delay at Erdman. Any delay longer than one hour means no school at Erdman. Listen to WBZ, (1030 AM), WATD (95.9FM), WJDA (1300AM) or watch channels 4, 5 or 7. You may also call the Scituate No School number at 545-8787 or see www.scituate.k12.ma.us. It is your responsibility to access this information.**

If severe weather is expected during school hours please use your best judgment about bringing your child to school. If Scituate has not canceled school we will call you if we must cancel for safety reasons.

REMINDERS

Our playground is cold! Hats, mittens (NOT gloves), snow pants and boots are a must. We strongly believe that children need outdoor time every day and if they are not properly dressed they will not be able to enjoy their time outside or benefit from our outdoor activities. Please send extra socks and slippers or shoes in your child's bag to put on indoors when wet boots come off. We encourage children to dress and undress themselves so please make sure that their clothes fit properly and are easy to manage. Threes can take care of their clothing too with some practice at home with you. Being able to take care of one's self and belongings brings confidence and self-esteem – goals that we all have for our children. PLEASE LABEL ALL OUTER CLOTHING! We thank you for your help. **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY ENTERING AND EXITING OUR DRIVEWAY.** PLEASE turn off your car's engine and make sure to keep your children with you. Please STOP before you merge into the semicircular drive in front of the church. The church and school thank you!

HOLIDAY THOUGHTS

In keeping with our philosophy of low key holiday activities we will be doing seasonal activities that relate to winter, happiness, family, giving and thinking of others. We would welcome you to share special holiday customs with your child's class. Also, since the holidays can be a very stressful time, even for young children, we hope that you will find a few quiet moments to spend with your child each day – read a book, do a puzzle, play a game. You will both feel renewed.

PAC NEWS

We have had a busy fall! Our thanks to Meka-Mari Carmody for organizing a successful fundraiser at the Toy Box. and to Liz Walters for coordinating the Silhouette day this coming Saturday. The holidays are just around the corner and PAC has another great opportunity to help the school. Orders for the "SCRIP" program are due to the office by this Friday, 12/4.

Another very sincere thank you to every one who is supporting our school by purchasing items for the Helping Hands program and donating their Lunch Bunch helper time to the program. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are amazing!

Looking for the perfect gift for your child? See the attached suggestions.

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL OUR FAMILIES***

