



It's a busy season at Erdman Preschool!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Friday, 11/4 - Lunch Bunch "Just for 3's" begins:** Threes may sign up for a small 3 year old Lunch Bunch each Friday. Separate signup sheet on the lunch bunch board. Limit of 10 children with former Erdman mom and qualified teacher. Debby or Karen can answer your questions.
- **Friday, 11/11: NO SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY**
- **Homemade soup days**
Thursday, 11/17 - MTTM AM 4's @ 11:00
Friday, 11/18 - 4 Day 4's and MWF AM 4's @ 11:00; MWF PM 3's @ 3:00:
Watch for your invitation!
- **Wednesday - Friday, 11/23-11/25: NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- **Early December: Threes Conferences.** Information from teachers will follow.
- **Thursday, 12/15 & Friday, December, 12/16 @ 11:15 & 3:15 Holiday Sing-A-Long and PAC Bake Sale.** A special Erdman tradition! Each child needs a special adult with them and siblings are welcome. Watch for more Bake Sale info from PAC
- **Kindergarten Registration:** Thursday, 1/12/17 at Jenkins.9:30 to 2 and 5 to 8:00.

HARVEST HAPPENINGS

Every class has been busy exploring the change of seasons and the fall harvest. We have taken nature walks and made nature collages with our finds. The science tables are full of interesting fall items and we'll continue to look for seeds, leaves and dried materials. (Living Things and their Environment) Just before Halloween we focused on pumpkins, learned how they grow, carved jack o'lanterns and roasted seeds for snack. We also saved some to plant. Each class will take their jack o'lantern to the edge of the woods where it may become home to a white-footed mouse (Mousekin's Golden Home).

All Fours classes made pickles with children doing the washing, cutting and measuring (lots of hands-on math and learning how to use real tools!)

This week or next the Fours are hoping to watch the cranberry harvest at Webster Bogs off Cross Street in Norwell. This field trip depends on the weather and the picking schedule so notice to you may be very short. We appreciate your understanding. Your teachers will have all the details and permission slips for you.

This month we will talk about families, traditions and nutrition. All classes will make vegetable soup from scratch. Each child will wash, cut up and add his vegetable to the pot. Fours will grind cranberry relish and Threes will make corn muffins for Thanksgiving dinner.

If you have special family holiday traditions we welcome you to share them with your child's class between now and the Holiday break. Please talk with your teacher to plan a visit.

GUIDELINES FOR PRESCHOOL LEARNING EXPERIENCES

These guidelines, published by the MA Dept. of Education, are based on the Pre-K - K Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and present ideas for learning experiences that teachers can use to provide young children with opportunities for developmentally appropriate activities across the domains of language arts, math, science & technology/ engineering, history and social studies, health education and the arts. This is not a curriculum, but rather a tool to evaluate and enhance each program's curriculum. Play and hands-on experiences are at the heart of these guidelines. Here at Erdman we have always believed that this is the best way for young children to learn. All teachers have just finished an extensive training in the Guidelines and will continue their focus on these areas. To help you better understand how we incorporate the guidelines into our plans, you will notice that a guideline from one of the above areas will be noted on each class's message board each day. Please feel free to ask your teachers or Debby about them. There will be several extra copies in the office if you'd like to look at these in greater detail.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is open to our Threes who are ready for a longer day. Children must be self-sufficient in the bathroom. Please check with your child's teacher about their readiness for Lunch Bunch. Lunch Bunch is a very busy time with several transitions. Monday is a light day so that would be a great day for Threes. Threes who come on a Wednesday or Friday AM or PM may want to participate in our smaller 3's only lunch bunch on Fridays. Permission slips must be returned before attending. Please remember - no peanut butter or nut products. Additional information/permission slips are in the office.

HELPING HANDS

Many thanks to Kira Broderick's grandmother, Debbie, for making new beanbags for our classroom!

Our next sewing "wish" is cutting and hemming burlap pieces for a 3's holiday project. We will need them by 12/1.

WINTER WEATHER ALERT

We follow the Scituate Public Schools for school closings due to inclement weather. No school in Scituate means no school at Erdman. A one hour delay in Scituate means a one hour delay at Erdman. More than a one hour delay means no morning classes at Erdman, no Lunch Bunch but afternoon classes will be held. It is your responsibility to access this information via the Scituate school's website @ www.scituate.k12.ma.us. If Erdman must cancel for another reason you will be notified via email.

OPENINGS and OPPORTUNITIES

Stay & Play on **Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays** is a great opportunity to extend your child's day and play with friends while you check off your holiday lists.

2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Class lists for September 2017 are posted on the Parent Board. Please speak to Debby if you have any questions.

Tuition for the 2017-18 school year is as follows:

- 4 day class: \$4070/year a \$12 increase per month
- 3 day classes: \$3500/year a \$10 increase per month
- 2 day class: \$2530/year a \$7 increase per month

Please let your friends and family know we are still accepting applications for next year and they are welcomed to set up a visit and tour.

REMINDERS

- * **Please dress your child warmly as the playground is cold and windy. Layers are great. Hats and mittens are necessary and should be in your child's school bag every day from now until spring!**
- * **Now that our new rain barrel has arrived an extra pair of dry socks and shoes will keep your child comfortable when they come inside.**

BILLING OPTIONS

You now have the option to write just one check a month for tuition and all other programs your child attends. At the beginning of each month you will receive an invoice which will include the current tuition payment and Explorers, Extended Day Options (Early & Late Drop Off and Stay & Play) and Lunch Bunch programs attended in the previous month. All payments are due on the 15th. If you prefer to pay as you go for Lunch Bunch and our Extended Day Options that is still an option. Simply use the envelope payment system in the hallway. As always please contact Karen for any billing questions. She is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.

BOOK ORDERS

We will place a Scholastic Book order in October. You have 2 options for ordering:

1. Use the attached form and return with payment to the office by **11/10**.
2. **Go online to: <https://orders.scholastic.com/JWJ6K>**

All books will be delivered to the school. If the books are a holiday gift please let us know so they aren't put into your child's cubby. Any questions, feel free to ask Karen.



*HAPPY THANKSGIVING
TO ALL OUR ERDMAN FAMILIES*



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