



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR ERDMAN FAMILIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 2017-2018 Enrollment agreements were put in your child's cubby on Tuesday. Please let us know if you have not received yours. Due back to the office on **Friday, January 13**.
- Kindergarten Information Night, **Tuesday, January 10 at 7 PM**. Held this year at Owl's Crossing Preschool. See attached flyer.
- Scituate Kindergarten registration: **Thursday, January 12** at Jenkins. Visit public school website for details.
- Scholastic Book order due: **January 12**
- Tuition due: **January 15**
- NO SCHOOL: **Monday, January 16**, Martin Luther King Day
- Four's Parent Conferences:
MWF 4's - 1/17 & 1/18
MTTH 4's - 1/23
4 Day - 1/24
More information will follow from your teachers.
- Watch for PAC news about Clean Sweep on January 18 and Family Literacy Night coming up this winter.
- COMMUNITY TODDLER PLAYGROUP begins Thursday, January 19 through Thursday, February 16, 1 to 3.
No cost - open to all.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

December was a busy month for everyone! The entry way bulletin board will give you a peek into holiday preparations. This month the cold weather will give us a chance to explore winter science and art. All classes will experiment with the properties of ice and snow at 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). Threes and Fours will learn about winter birds and make several birdfeeders to help our feathered friends through the winter months. (Life Science #16 - Observe and describe seasonal changes in animal lives). Threes will work with colors along with science, art and language activities. Our young threes will explore shapes and incorporate them into creative activities, constructions and games.

The 4 Day class will create vehicles and flying machines while they investigate transportation and begin number themes. MWF and MTTH 4s will also work with shapes and numbers. They will create number books, number lines, explore many number manipulatives and enjoy counting out snacks at snack time. (Math#2 - Connect quantities of items and actions to numbers). They will also create winter scenes on their bulletin boards as they talk about seasonal changes. Lots of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities this month!

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 and no Lunch Bunch, but afternoon classes will be held. **It is your responsibility to access this information via the Scituate schools website @ www.scituate.k12.ma.us**. If Erdman must cancel for another reason you will be notified via email.

REMINDERS

We want our children to be able to enjoy all the fun that outside winter play offers. We make snowmen, snow forts, tunnels, take hikes and go sledding. So...Please dress your child warmly as the playground is cold and windy. Layers are great. Hats, mittens (NOT GLOVES), snow pants and boots are necessary and should be in your child's school bag every day from now until spring! Extra dry socks are a necessity, too. Spending a few minutes helping your child learn to manage winter clothing increases self-confidence and decreases frustration.

OPENINGS and OPPORTUNITIES

- Stay & Play is available on Mondays with Patti and Beth as well as on Thursdays and Fridays with Patti and Chris. It is a great opportunity to extend your child's day and play with friends during these cold winter days. Ask Debby or Karen for more information.
- We have openings in our Explorers afternoons! Four openings on Tuesdays and 2 on Wednesdays are waiting to enrich your child's school experiences with science, nature, literacy and imagination.
- COMMUNITY TODDLER PLAYGROUP begins on Thursday, 1/18 through 2/16 from 1 to 3 in our Threes classroom. Children age 2 and 3 are welcome to drop in with a parent for an afternoon of free play and a chance to become acquainted with the school. Open to all Scituate children at no cost. Invite your friends to join us. Call the school, 781-545-9309, for more information.

PAC NEWS

Many, many thanks to Noreen Sharpe and her family, Kelly Butterworth, Carly Desmond and Nicole Noord for coordinating the hugely successful Bake Sale and to all our families who purchased the delicious treats. We raised \$500.!

Our first ever Mom's Mornings Out, held on Monday and Tuesday before Christmas, was also a hit and netted about \$500.

Information about Clean Sweep on 1/18 and Family Literacy Night is coming soon!

Thank you for supporting our Helping Hands program and for being Lunch Bunch volunteers. We appreciate your help and generosity very much!

HELPING HANDS WISH LIST

- Please recycle your newspapers to Erdman. We need them daily for projects, painting, etc.
- We also love small pieces of soft wood for collages, building, experiments and more!
- Bags of oranges, clementines, apples or grapes for healthy snacks.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders are due on **Thursday, January 12th**.

You have 2 options for ordering:

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

All books will be delivered to the school. Happy Reading!

NEW YEAR THOUGHTS

It's hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year. I am interested in knowing how you are feeling about your experience at Erdman so far. Do you have ideas for programs or activities? Are you curious about why we do what we do? Concerns about any aspect of the school? Questions about philosophy, curriculum or policies? If you do, I would love to talk with you. You can call or email me and we can set a time to sit down without interruptions. Input from our families is very important to us so please be in touch!

Debby

You can find a copy of the newsletters and the events listed here on our newly designed website at: <http://erdmanpreschool.org>



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