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**FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT, THIS THURSDAY (3/2) FROM 6 TO 7  
COME IN YOUR PJ'S**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Thursday, March 2, 6 – 7 pm:** Family Literacy Night. Enjoy stories in your PJs! All welcome!
- **Friday, March 10:** Scholastic Book order due
- **Wednesday, March 15:** Tuition Due
- **March 20:** Egg Shell Collection begins – see Class Activities for details
- **Friday, March 17: NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Day**
- **Wednesday & Thursday, March 22 & 23:** Scituate Health Services Lazy Eye Screening (details below)
- **Monday, April 3:** Summer Camp information and registration available

### IMPORTANT END OF YEAR EVENTS SPECIFICS WILL BE IN APRIL NEWSLETTER

- **April 14: NO SCHOOL** Good Friday
- **April 17 – 21: NO SCHOOL** Spring Vacation
- **End of April:** Eggs arrive for our incubator
- **Early May:** Special Mother's Day celebrations
- **May:** Threes farm visits and Fours Audubon beach life workshop
- **Mid-Late May:** Fours Beach exploration at Lighthouse Beach depending on low tide
- **May 22:** Year End Narrative Summaries in cubbies
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, June 13 & 14 Last Days of School:** Ice Cream parties (all classes) and climbing Lawson Tower (Fours classes)

### CLASS ACTIVITIES

Our activities this month will focus on our families and gradually introduce spring and the change of season. The Fours are busy with our family theme – making and landscaping their homes, creating life size self portraits as well as portraits for their tee shirts, reading about homes and communities and graphing family sizes. They will look at baby pictures, discuss their special characteristics, make family books, quilts and trees. We always welcome family members to share special skills and interests so if you would like to visit please speak with your teachers. We'd love to have you!

WF 3's will investigate colors. The MTHH 3's and the MWF PM 3's are exploring dinosaurs. All classes will begin some spring activities such as wind, clouds, birds and plant growth.

Creating egg trees is a spring tradition at Erdman. The Fours make individual ones and the Threes cooperate to decorate a large one. We need your help! **Please send in as many eggshells as you can beginning March 20.** White is ideal but brown will work, too.

Please break them in half, wash with soap and warm water and soak in a mild bleach solution for a few minute. Each child uses about 6 to 8 halves. Thank you so much. You'll love the addition to your spring décor!

### REMINDERS

**Please dress your child warmly as the playground is still cold and windy. Layers are great. Hats, mittens (NOT GLOVES), snow pants and boots are necessary, especially when it is muddy, and should be in your child's school bag every day from now until spring! Slippers or shoes are required for indoor time. Extra dry socks are a necessity. Spending a few minutes helping your child learn to manage winter clothing increases self-confidence and decreases frustration.**

We follow the Scituate Public Schools for closings due to inclement weather. No school in Scituate means no school at Erdman. A one hour delay means a one hour delay for Erdman. More than a one hour delay means no morning classes and no Lunch Bunch, but afternoon classes will begin at 1:00. It is your responsibility to access this information via [www.scituate.k12.ma.us](http://www.scituate.k12.ma.us). If we must cancel for another reason you will be notified via email.

## 2017 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Class lists are still posted. Limited openings remain in the WF young Threes, MWF PM 3s and MTTH 4s . We are happy to open a MWF afternoon Fours class if we have enough children. Please encourage your friends to call for information and a visit if they are thinking about preschool next fall. Your referrals are the best references we could ever hope for! Thank you so much! The first tuition payment is due by June 15. Financial aid forms are available in the office are must be returned by June 1. If you have special concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with next year's teachers please speak with Debby as soon as possible.

During the week of May 22 you will receive a year end Summary Report describing your child's progress and skills in the 7 developmental domains that are part of the Work Sampling System: Personal & Social Development, Language & Literacy, Mathematical Thinking, Scientific Thinking, Social Studies, the Arts and Physical Development. The summary report focuses on individual strengths and characteristics. You are welcome to arrange a conference with your teachers if you have questions but we do not schedule formal conferences at this time.

## ERDMAN SUMMER CAMP

With spring around the corner it is time to think about summer activities for your child. Patti Litz will offer her camp program on Tuesday through Thursday morning between June 20 and August 10. You may sign up for as many weeks as you choose. Patti's outdoor program offers lots of free play, arts and crafts, music, stories, nature activities and snack. It's a great way to stay in touch with friends and have a relaxed, supervised, fun-filled morning. Information and registration forms will be available on April 3. Erdman children have preference for the first two weeks. Non-Erdman friends are welcome after that.

## OPENINGS and OPPORTUNITIES

Stay & Play is a great opportunity to extend your child's day and play with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Choose Monday, Thursday and/or Friday. Lunch Bunch is included. Remember we now offer a separate Lunch Bunch on Fridays for our 3s. This provides a smaller group atmosphere for younger friends to eat together. The sign-up sheet is on the board.

## PAC NEWS

**Thank you, Christy & Jay Gill, for raising \$500 for Erdman with the Super Bowl Squares and for the matching gift from Jay's company for a total of \$1,000.**

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

**Watch for lots more information about ERDFest on June 3! This event helps us celebrate 45 years of learning by doing at Erdman and will be an important fundraiser for the school. There will be plenty of ways for everyone to be involved!**

## HELPING HANDS

### CALLING ALL BUILDERS/HANDYMEN

We will be adding new activity areas to our outdoor classroom during the spring and summer. We'll be "renovating" the kitchen area to include more counter, storage and seating space. We also will add a CREATE area with special tables for building and nature art activities.

Can you provide, or help us find, large, barkless logs, tree cookies and a shelf storage piece for the kitchen?

We also need new mulch under the swings and possibly flagstone flooring for the CREATE area.

Any other interesting wood items or ideas are welcome. Please call, email or speak to Debby.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

**Book orders are due on March 10th**

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!

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



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