



HAPPY VALENTINE'S TO ALL OUR ERDMAN FAMILIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Thursday, February 8, New family Open House, 1:30 to 3:00.** Invite friends to learn more about our special school.
- Post Office trips via school bus, watch for permission slips from your teachers
- **Friday 2/9 at 10:30:** 4 Day
- **Monday 2/12 at 10:30:** MTTH 4's & MWF 4s
- **Friday, 2/9:** Scholastic Book Order Due
- **Tuesday & Wednesday 2/13 & 2/14:** Classroom Valentine Parties: Please see Class Activities
- **Thursday 2/15:** Tuition Due
- **Thursday 2/15:** Enrollment Agreements and Extended Day Options Survey due to office
- **NO SCHOOL: Monday, 2/19 - Friday, 2/23 - Winter Vacation**
- Registration for new families is in progress. Limited openings in 3s and 4s. Encourage friends to visit!

LOOKING AHEAD

- **NO SCHOOL: FRIDAY, MARCH 16**
Teacher Professional Day at
Massasoit Community College

CLASS ACTIVITIES

This winter we have been very busy doing lots of....

Math:

- **Number recognition, order and concept:** Individual 4's number lines, counting books with lots of creative object choices to count and glue, 4 Day class book based on Ten Dots by Donald Crewe, counting out_snacks and using many hands-on number manipulatives, games and puzzles to reinforce number sense and cooperative social skills.

Literacy:

- Name and first **letter recognition** for our 3's.
- Predicting story outcomes, Mouse Paint.
- Putting our **ideas on paper** with our journals, drawings and dictations.
- **Identifying and matching letters and their sounds** at morning meetings.
- **Enjoying stories** about numbers, colors and the winter.

STEM:

- Continuing to **investigate building structures** with our SEF grant materials in the classroom.
- Using **simple machines (pulley and inclined plane)**
- **Mixing and observing** color changes with the 3's.

Community Involvement:

- Post Office visits, **different jobs** that people do
- Creating valentines for residents of Cardigan Nursing and Rehab facility through Brittany Donovan's Grandbuddies Intergenerational playgroup to share our **concern and thoughtfulness**.

Now we are anticipating Valentine's Day! This is how we celebrate the day at Erdman:

On Tuesday, 2/13 or Wednesday, 2/14 each child will exchange cards (bought or homemade,) with classmates. Your child's name should be on the back of the cards. You do not need envelopes with classmates' names as each child will deliver a card to each friend. Here is the number of children for your class:

4 day – 12 MTTH 4s – 9 MWF 4s - 13
MWF PM 3s – 9 MTTH 3s -12 WF 3s – 12

If you would like to provide a nut free snack on the day of your classes' party, please speak to your teachers. We'll spend lots of time during the next two weeks creating special Valentines for our families. This is a great **opportunity to strengthen fine motor skills** by tracing, cutting, lacing and gluing and to **increase letter/sound awareness** by discussing and **writing letters** while signing and addressing cards. Best of all we have **lots of fun being very creative** with paint, collage materials, stickers, markers and crayons.

Watch our Facebook page for up to the minute pictures of these great activities. Please like and share with your friends. We'd appreciate your comments and please rate the school.

ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Your child's enrollment agreement was put in his/her cubby on Monday, 2/5. Please note we've included important information about our Extended Day Options for next year. Your input is critical to the development of our offerings for next year. Both forms are due in the office by **Thursday, 2/15**. There are still several openings in our 3's and 4's classes. Please encourage your friends to visit. Referrals from parents are the best publicity possible. Thank you!

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

Please dress your child warmly as the playground is cold, windy and wet. Layers are great. Hats, waterproof 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. Spending a few minutes helping your child learn to manage winter clothing increases self-confidence and decreases frustration.

PAC NEWS

Thank you to our former parents, Christy and Jay Gill, who once again ran the **Super Bowl Squares fundraiser** for the school along with Eileen Keenan. We raised \$500 for the school! Congrats to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated.

The Bannister Book Shop is a huge success! We have been able to purchase several additional books with the proceeds. Please donate your gently loved books for others to enjoy.

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

HELPING HANDS

- 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!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders are due on **Friday, February 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!

2017 TAX STATEMENTS

If you anticipate needing 2017 tax information regarding payments made that year please email Karen @ erdmanpreschool@verizon.net. She is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:30 - 1:30 and will have the information returned to you within 5 business days. Erdman Family School Inc. Tax ID #04-2578358

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



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