



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR ERDMAN FAMILIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 2018-2019 tentative class lists posted on Monday, January 8.
- Enrollment agreements in your child's cubby by Thursday, February 1. Return by February 15.
- **Kindergarten Information Night, Monday, January 8 at 7 PM.** Held this year in the Wampanoag School cafeteria. See attached flyer.
- **Important Scituate Kindergarten registration dates: Friday, January 12 (on-line) AND Wednesday, January 17 or Thursday, January 18 (Jenkins).** It's critical to visit Scituate schools website for details about the process and forms.
- Scholastic Book order due: **January 12**
- Tuition due: **January 15**
- **NO SCHOOL: Monday, January 15,** Martin Luther King Day
- Four's Parent Conferences: MTTH on Monday, 1/29. Other classes TBD
More information will follow from your teachers.
- Watch for PAC news about Clean Sweep and Family Literacy Night coming up this winter.
- Updated Emergency Plans are attached to this Newsletter and will be emailed to you as well. Please speak to Debby if you have any questions.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

December was a busy month for everyone! We send a very special thank you to three Erdman parents who stepped up to fill in for Lenae Badger when she was unable to play the piano for the Wednesday afternoon sing along. Kevin Sullivan, Parker's dad brought his guitar, former parent Caroline Hine brought her cello and Amy Lemerande, Bridget's mom, brought her fine vocal ability to make for a Holiday Pops atmosphere! You are just what Erdman Family School is all about!

We have moved our **SEF grant Outdoor Building Area inside this winter** so that children can continue their explorations. The pictures on the entry hall bulletin board illustrate how we have been using the new materials and how involved your children have become **experimenting with balance, momentum, gravity and construction.** Many budding engineers at Erdman!

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. They will be able to **describe and compare properties of liquids and solids.** We will use ice, snow and water to create designs and pictures. Threes and Fours will learn about birds and make several birdfeeders to help our feathered friends through the winter months. They will also **explore different animal habitats, what animals need in the winter and how animals adapt to seasonal changes.** MTTH 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. They will be **connecting quantities of items to numbers, learning to identify numbers and increasing their number sense.** Lots of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts 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.

We will go outside to play **every day that the temperature, including wind chill, is 20 degrees or warmer.** The office uses the Weather Channel app to determine the Scituate “feels like” temperature. Please see **REMINDERS.**

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 and slippers can be useful indoors instead of heavy boots. 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 Monday, Thursday and Friday. It’s a fun, relaxed way for your Three or Four to do more of what they love at Erdman. Lunch Bunch is included. Debby or Karen can answer questions about sign up and activities.
- We still have openings in our young Threes and our Fours classes for next September. Please encourage your friends and acquaintances to visit and learn what Erdman is all about.

PAC NEWS

Many, many thanks to Noreen Sharpe and her family, Kelly Butterworth, Eileen Keenan and Nicole Noord

for coordinating the hugely successful Bake Sale and to all our families who purchased the delicious treats.

Thank you, too, for a fun and successful gingerbread decorating party! A great way to kick off our holiday break!

Information about Clean Sweep 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.
- Bags of oranges, clementines, apples or grapes for healthy snacks.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

You’ll receive the book order forms in cubbies next week. 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!

THOUGHTS FOR NEW YEAR

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? Do you have 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 interruption. 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 website at: <http://erdmanpreschool.org>



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