



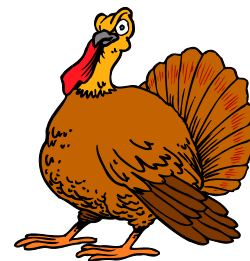
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It's a busy season at Erdman Preschool!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Monday, 11/5:** New family registration begins
- **Monday, 11/12: NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day**
- **Thursday, 11/15:** Tuition Due and Book Order Due
- **Homemade Soup days:**
Thursday, 11/15: MTTH AM 4s @ 11:00
Friday, 11/16: 4 Day 4s and MWF AM 4s @ 11:00
Friday, 11/16: MWF PM 3s @ 3:00
Watch for your invitation!
- **Wednesday - Friday, 11/21-11/23: NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- **Early December: Threes Conferences** - information from teachers will follow
- **Tuesday, 12/18 @ 11:15 and Wednesday, 12/19 @ 11:15 and 3:15: Holiday Sing-A-Long and PAC Bake Sale**

Also, watch for more PAC ErdFit fundraisers and, hopefully, a gingerbread house decorating afternoon.

Please check newsletters, Parent Handbook calendar, entry way calendar and teacher/school

HARVEST HAPPENINGS

Every class has been busy exploring the change of seasons and the fall harvest. We have taken **nature walks** and made **creative 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. 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](#)) **This favorite activity combines life science and literacy. We continue to observe the pumpkins during the year.**

The Fours classes began an exploration of the **farm to table process** with a visit to Hornstra Farm. They learned how the cows are cared for, saw a newborn calf and watched the milk being processed. Did you know that milk is not exposed to the air until you pour it from the bottle? Everyone enjoyed fresh Hornstra Farm milk with their snack. **Farm to table** activities will continue when the Fours make pickles and cranberry relish and every class makes vegetable soup and corn muffins from scratch. All classes will be using **math and literacy** concepts as they follow recipes and use real tools.

This month as we focus on families, traditions and nutrition (**social science and health**) we invite you to share special family holiday traditions with your child's class between now and the December Holiday Break. Please talk with your teachers to plan a visit.

PROFESSIONAL DAY AT WHEELOCK

Teachers spent Friday, October 19, at Wheelock College in Boston investigating the Reggio Emilia Wonder of Learning exhibit. This approach to learning originated in Italy after WWII and focuses primarily on preschool and primary education. Children are given a great deal of control over their learning, deciding what materials, questions and possibilities they wish to explore. Children express themselves through their "hundred languages" including painting, sculpting, music, art, movement, etc. With their teacher as collaborator, child led projects explore, observe, hypothesize, question and clarify their ideas. Documentation of children's work makes their learning visible to children themselves, parents and the community.

Much of this approach seems natural to us. Over the coming months we will decide how to incorporate more open-ended projects, more use of natural material and "loose parts" and how to document in more informative ways. We are excited to find new ways to further children's expression of their knowledge and understanding of their world.

LUNCH BUNCH

We now offer 2 Lunch Bunch groups on Tuesdays – one being a smaller size specifically for our 3s. Sign up for the week is open on Monday mornings in person or by phone starting at 8:30 AM.



As you know we are a nut-free school. Please be sure to check packaging labels to avoid sending items that contain nuts, nut by products or that have been processed in facilities with nuts. If items with nuts or candy are found we'll return them home in lunch boxes. Thank you for your help!



HELPING HANDS

Do you like to sew? As the holidays approach we are looking for someone to cut and hem burlap pieces for a 3's holiday project. Just one hem is required. We will need them by Friday, 11/30. Please let Debby know if you can help.

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. You will be notified if we must close for another reason.

OPENINGS and OPPORTUNITIES

Stay & Play on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays** is a great opportunity to extend your child's day and play with friends while you check off your holiday lists. We still have some spaces in our **WF 3'S & MWF Older 3's for the current school year.** Please share this with folks who are new to town. Thank you!

2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Please let your friends and family know we are now accepting applications for next year and they are welcome to schedule a visit.

REMINDERS

***Please dress your child warmly as the playground is cold and windy. Layers are great. Hats and MITTENS (no gloves) are necessary and should be in your child's school bag every day from now until spring! Boots, too, if the ground is wet.**
An extra pair of dry socks and shoes will keep your child comfortable when they come inside.

BILLING OPTIONS

You 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, Enrichment programs, 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 **11/15**.
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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