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# HAPPY VALENTINE'S TO ALL OUR ERDMAN FAMILIES

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Monday 2/11 @ 10:30: MWF AM 4s**  
**Tuesday 2/12 @ 10:30: MTTH 4s & 4 Day 4s**  
Post Office trips via school bus, watch for permission slips from your teachers
- **Thursday 2/14: Scholastic Book Order Due**
- **Wednesday and Thursday 2/13 & 2/14: Classroom Valentine Parties:**  
Please see February Activities
- **Friday 2/15: Tuition Due**
- **Week of 2/11 2019-2020 Enrollment Agreements in your child's cubby. Return no later than Friday March 1**
- **NO SCHOOL: Monday, 2/18 - Friday, 2/22 - Winter Vacation**
- Registration for new families is in progress. Limited openings in Older 3s and 4s. Encourage friends to visit!

## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

**4 Day Fours** will follow up with number and math concepts, learning our telephone numbers and creating our own alphabetized phone books. We'll practice our mastery of number concepts by creating counting lines using a variety of concrete objects and playing games such as One More/One Less. We'll learn our addresses and share the love by creating valentines for our families and taking a trip to the Scituate Post Office to ensure our special deliveries. This will lead us into our house unit, rich in literature, imagination and creativity! In the spirit of vacation week we have a pajama party planned and will read Ira Sleeps Over.

**MTTH 4s** will finish up our number study by learning important numbers in our world. Children will recognize, and hopefully memorize, their phone numbers and street addresses. Address and telephone number strips will replace regular nametags at snack time. Hopefully this will generate conversations about number similarities. We'll ride on a school bus to the Scituate Post Office, have the chance to see what goes on behind the scenes and mail something very important. Check your mailboxes! At the end of the month we'll begin our house unit learning about different houses around the world and creating a model of our own home complete with landscaping. We'll create a bulletin board map of Scituate and discover who lives near us!

**MWF 4s** will start the month getting ready for Valentine's Day. Making cards for our families reinforces fine motor skills with lots of cutting, tracing and gluing activities. Dictation initiates reading, writing and letter recognition skills. We'll explore the role of community helpers with our trip to the Scituate Post Office to make a special delivery. At the end of the month we will start learning our addresses with a special unit on home, neighborhood and community.

**MWF 3s** will begin the month by culminating our color unit. We have enjoyed many hours of hands-on exploration, lots of books and a huge variety of colorful snacks to share thanks to our wonderful families. We've learned color words in Spanish, too! Now we'll prepare for Valentine's Day by combining art and literature in our heartfelt family cards, creating Valentine holders and practicing one to one correspondence delivering messages to our friends. We are planning a pajama party before vacation and will create some night sky scenes for ambiance! At the end of the month get ready to hear us roar as we begin to explore dinosaurs. Can't wait to find out what the children know and what they are eager to learn!



## The Best of January

What better way to tell you about all the January activities in the classroom than in pictures. When you receive this newsletter via email simply click on the links below and enjoy!

[4 Day 4s](#)

[MTTH AM 4s](#)

[MWF AM 4s](#)

[MWF PM 3s](#)

[MTTH AM 3s](#)

[WF AM 3s](#)

[Bookworms](#)

[Explorers](#)

[Imagineers](#)

[Stay & Play](#)

**MTTH 3s** will be decorating Valentines for their families. They'll be doing lots of cutting and gluing – all great for fine motor skills. This also gives them many opportunities for creativity and expressing their love for family and friends. The house corner will become the Post Office as we explore the role of community helpers.

**WF 3s** will be preparing for Valentine's Day as we create special handmade (there's a hint in there) cards for families, strengthen our fingers as we knead, roll and press out cornstarch dough hearts for necklaces and design a special "mailbox" to collect our class Valentines. We'll celebrate with our friends on Wednesday, 2/13. After vacation we will explore interesting textures as we mush and gush shaving cream, slime and goop!

**Now that we are anticipating Valentine's Day this is how we celebrate the day at Erdman:**

On Wednesday, 2/13 or Thursday, 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 – 11      MWF 4s - 11  
MWF PM 3s – 8      MTTH 3s -11      WF 3s – 6

If you would like to provide a nut free snack on the day of your class's party, please speak to your teachers.

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

**ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS  
FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

Your child's enrollment agreement will be in his/her cubby by Friday, February 15. Please return it to the office no later than Friday, March 1. There are still several openings in our Older 3's and 4's classes. Please encourage your friends to visit us. 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](http://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 parents, Eileen and Tim Keenan, for running the **Super Bowl Squares fundraiser** 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 **Thursday, February 14th.**

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!

**2018 TAX STATEMENTS**

If you anticipate needing 2018 tax information regarding payments made that year please email Karen @ [erdmanpreschool@verizon.net](mailto: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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