



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR ERDMAN FAMILIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Kindergarten Information Night, Tuesday, January 8 at 7 PM.** In the Wampatuck School cafeteria. Flyers in cubbies and on Parent Board
- **Important Scituate Kindergarten registration information: Thursday, January 10 (on-line).** The [link](#) has been emailed to all Fours parents. It's critical to visit Scituate schools website for details about the process and forms.
- Scholastic Book order due: **January 10**
- Tuition due: **January 15**
- **Lazy Eye Screenings: Wednesday, 1/16 & Thursday, 1/17.** Watch for new permission slips.
- **NO SCHOOL: Monday, January 21,** Martin Luther King Day
- Four's Parent Conferences:
4 Day: Wednesday, 1/23@ 4:30
MTTH 4'S: Friday, February 1 @1:30.
MWF 4's: Wednesday & Thursday, January 30 & 31
More information will follow from your teachers.

JANUARY CLASS ACTIVITIES

4 Day 4s will be cruising into our transportation theme this month. Each child will create their own vehicle using a box, loose parts and their imagination. As we've seen in the past...the sky is the limit! We will also visit number recognition and number sense through hands-on activities and life examples like addresses and phone numbers. We'll also investigate how animals behave in winter. Through experiments, stories and observation of nature we will notice how some animals hibernate or migrate, while others adapt.

MTTH 4s will focus on winter and the importance of taking care of the wildlife that lives in our back yards. We'll read The After Christmas Tree, a story about re-purposing a holiday tree into a giving tree adorned with treats for birds and animals. We'll make a simple bird feeder and discuss what birds we might see at our feeders. Then we'll learn about shapes as we create artwork, play shape games, print with shapes, listen to stories and make a pizza in all shapes. We'll end the month focusing on numbers as we create number lines, make counting books, construct number grids, measure ingredients for baking and begin to learn our phone numbers.

MWF 4s will be busy exploring numbers, counting and pattern activities. We'll create counting books, practice sequence in songs and games and use patterns in art and building projects. We'll make bird feeders to help our feathered friends through winter and investigate winter through hands-on exploration.

MWF 3s will be investigating primary colors and creating secondary colors through hands-on color mixing activities, colorful stories and enjoying colorful snacks. We're hoping for some snow so that we can enjoy wonderful winter fun-sledding on the hill, creating snowmen and building forts!

MTTH 3s will be exploring the world of colors. We'll be mixing and creating with the primary colors. We'll begin with red and will glue a red collage and listen to the story, Red is Best.

WF 3s will explore shapes. We'll learn what makes each shape unique and the way to identify each one. We'll use lots of manipulatives and art projects to engineer and create. We'll also taste delicious shapes: round blueberries, square cheese, triangle crackers and a round pizza cut into squares and triangles.

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. **We will try to notify you by email, however, to be certain, 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.

REMINDERS

We want our children to be able to enjoy all the fun that outside winter play offers. We make snowmen, snow forts and 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 Tuesday, Wednesday 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. Our Wednesday group I very small. **We are still considering offering a Thursday Stay & Play instead of Wednesday. IF YOU WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CHANGE PLEASE LET DEBBY KNOW ASAP. WE ARE HAPPY TO DO THIS IF IT WORKS BETTER FOR YOU.**
- We still have some openings in classes for September. Please encourage your friends and acquaintances to visit and learn what Erdman is all about. You are our best publicity!
- We are looking for someone with preschool teacher qualifications who would like to work with us at Lunch Bunch for a few hours several days a week. This might lead to more hours next year. Please contact Debby.

PAC NEWS

Many, many thanks to Noreen Sharpe and her crew for coordinating the hugely successful Bake Sale and to all our families who purchased the delicious treats. We made \$500 to be put toward field trips/transportation, scholarships and much needed new items for the school.

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 later this week.

Book orders are due on **Thursday, January 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!

TAX INFORMATION

If you need a 2018 year-end statement for tax filing please submit a request via email to erdmanpreschool@verizon.net and allow 5 business days for receipt. Erdman’s Tax ID #04-2578358. Karen is in the office Mondays & Wednesdays 8:30-1:30 and Thursday 8:30-2:30.

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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