



FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT, Tuesday, March 5, 6 to 7

SCHOOL CLOSING CLARIFICATION - A MUST READ - SEE BELOW

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Tuesday, March 5, 6 to 7:** Family Literacy Night. Enjoy stories in your jammies!
- **Monday, March 11, 7 to 8:30:** "How to Talk so your Kids will Listen" presented by Judi Johnson, M.Ed. No cost! Let us know if you'd like to bring a friend.
- **Thursday, March 14:** Scholastic Book order due
- **Friday, March 15:** Tuition Due
- **March 25-29:** Egg Shell Collection – see Class Activities for details
- **Monday, April 1:** Summer Program information & registration available. Tuition must be current through March to register.
- **Wednesday, April 3, 4 to 6:30: Ice Cream Scoop -a- thon** at Nona's. A favorite fundraiser!
- **The Early Learning Study at Harvard, ELS@H,** will continue this spring with a visit to Erdman. More details as I know them.

IMPORTANT END OF YEAR EVENTS

DETAILS IN APRIL NEWSLETTER

- **April 15 – 19:** NO SCHOOL Spring Vacation
- **April 23:** Eggs arrive for our incubator, chicks ready to go home before Memorial Day. Ask Debby if interested.
- **May 9 & 10:** Mother's Day celebrations and Threes visits to Weir River Farm
- **May:** Fours Audubon beach life workshop
- **Mid-Late May:** Fours Beach exploration at Lighthouse Beach based on low tide
- **May 20:** Year End Narrative Summaries in cubbies
- **Thursday & Friday, June 6 & 7 Last Days of School:** Ice Cream parties (all classes) and climbing Lawson Tower (Fours classes)

CLASS ACTIVITIES

Erdman offers a play-based learning curriculum. Why? Research documents that play is the way children develop, build and reinforce knowledge about their world. It fosters social skills, enhances executive function, improves language and early literacy skills, supports math and science learning and provides health and physical benefits. Read more in the attached information and see below how our teachers use guided and free play experiences to support these skills.

The **Four Day 4's** will be all about ME! We will create models of our own homes, thinking about what we see right in our own yards. Reinforcing our letters and numbers we will continue to learn our phone numbers and addresses. We will trace our bodies and paint them thinking about our features – skin color, eye color, hair color.

MWF 4's will be learning all about community and neighborhood in the month of March. We will start by creating an **Erdman Community** bulletin board for the downstairs entry way – coming soon! We will build on our knowledge of community by visiting and observing neighboring buildings – Lawson Tower, the library and senior housing and finish by creating our own house models.

MTTH 4's are continuing to concentrate on what makes us alike and different, special and unique. We will create self portraits, mix colors as we print our hands and feet, learn our initials and create a "family tree". As we talk about the similarities and differences in our families we'll support that conversation with a family graph and a picture of families on paper. It will be a busy month!

MWF 3s will bring March in with a ROAR as we explore all things dinosaur! We'll share ideas and thoughts about what they know and what they want to know; things like extinction, habitats and volcanoes. We'll finish the month like lambs as we move on to literacy rich nursery rhymes and fairy tales.

MTTH 3'S will learn about some of our favorite nursery rhymes this month. Singing, rhyming and acting our nursery rhymes develops phonological awareness which is an important pre-reading skill and teaches children how language works. Acting our stories makes children feel confident, reinforces cooperation and is so much fun!

WF 3's will be exploring the colors in our world. We'll create with art materials, engineer with manipulatives, solve science problems and investigate and enjoy different snacks all based around the color of the day.

All classes will be watching the Explorers gather sap for maple syrup and create egg trees. A spring tradition at Erdman! We need your help! **Please send in as many eggshells as you can between March 25 -o 29.** White is ideal but brown will work, too.

Please break them in half, wash with soap and warm water and soak in a mild bleach solution for a few minute. Each child uses about 6 to 8 halves. Thank you so much. You'll love the addition to your spring décor!

REMINDERS

Our **playground is still cold, windy and often wet.** Please make sure your child has **hats, mittens (NOT GLOVES), snow pants and boots! All are necessary, especially when it is muddy, and should be in your child's school bag every day from now until spring!** Slippers or shoes are required for indoor time. Extra dry socks are a necessity. Please return any that have gone home with your child. Thank you!

SCHOOL CLOSING CLARIFICATION

The Scituate Schools inclement weather policy is our *guideline*. Because our schedules are different we have our own policy that fits our programs.

- **No school in Scituate means no school at Erdman.**
 - **A one hour delay means a one hour delay for Erdman. Early drop off at 9:30. Classes begin at 10:00.**
 - **A delay greater than one hour means no morning classes and no Lunch Bunch. Afternoon classes will begin at 1:00.**
 - **Early dismissal in the public schools means Erdman closes after Lunch Bunch at 1:00.**
- Every effort will be made to email you about a closing so be sure to check your email on bad weather days. We will also email you if we must close for another reason.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book orders are due on March 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!

2019 - 2020 CLASS INFORMATION

We have limited openings in our Fours and MWF PM 3s classes. Please encourage your friends to visit if they are thinking about preschool next fall. Your referrals are the best references we could ever hope for! Thank you so much!

ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS ARE DUE NOW. The first tuition payment is due by June 15. Financial aid forms are available in the office and must be returned by May 15. If you have special concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with next year's teachers please speak with Debby as soon as possible.

ERDMAN SUMMER PROGRAM

With spring around the corner it is time to think about summer activities for your child. Patti Litz will offer her summer program on Tuesday through Thursday morning between June 18 and August 8. You may sign up for as many weeks as you choose. Patti's outdoor program offers lots of free play, arts and crafts, music, stories, nature activities and snack designed around a weekly theme. It's a great way to stay in touch with friends and have a relaxed, supervised, fun-filled morning. Information and registration forms will be available on April 1. Tuition must be current through March to register at that time. Erdman children have preference for the first two weeks. Non-Erdman friends are welcome after that.

ERDMAN JOB OPPORTUNITY

Our Lunch Bunch program will expand next fall. We need a teacher to run the program every day between 11:00 and 1:30. You will work with an Erdman teacher and a parent volunteer. You must be DEEC preschool teacher qualified (a Child Growth and Development course and 9 months verifiable work experience with children 6 and under). Some flexibility is possible. Please speak to me as soon as possible if you are interested or have questions. Please share this with your friends who might like an income while their child is at Erdman or in public school. Plenty of paid training available.

HELPING HANDS

CALLING ALL LANDSCAPERS/HANDYMEN AND GARDENERS

It's time to spruce up our outdoor classroom/playground for warm weather learning and fun!

We need: More wood chips under the swings and a general weed pulling and cleaning up winter debris and loosening sand in the fall zones with a heavy duty raking!

All other interesting ideas for playground additions are welcome.

Please call, email or speak to Debby.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

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

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