

# ERDMAN PRESCHOOL

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## THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.....

To the hard working group of parents who will be cleaning the classroom areas on Saturday, February 9 during the Clean Sweep. Your help is so valuable to us and we appreciate the time you will be spending on a weekend to spruce up the school! It's not too late to join in – please sign up by the monthly calendar in the entryway or contact your class ambassador.

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### IN THE CLASSROOM

All Fours classes will visit the Scituate Post Office on First Parish Rd. next week to mail valentines to their families. (Social Sciences # 9 – roles of community workers) Please speak to your teachers if you would like to drive and please be sure to sign a permission slip. The Fours classes have been doing lots of work with numbers. They have created number lines, written books and explored many different number manipulatives. Each class has also learned their phone numbers and will soon be making class phone books. The TTH Threes have been exploring colors and the WF 3's and Older Threes have finished digging up dinosaurs. Everyone has done winter art projects such as painting snow, making snowmen and experimenting with freezing water to ice.

**Please read below so that you will know how we celebrate Valentine's Day at Erdman.**

**On Valentine's Day each child will exchange cards (homemade or bought as your child wishes) with classmates.** Your child's name should be on the back of the card. You do not need to put a name on the envelope as each child will give a card to each classmate. 4 day class needs 12 cards. MWF AM & PM and MTTH AM need 15 cards. MTTH PM needs 11 cards. TTH AM 3's need 12 cards, TTH PM 3's need 5 and WF 3's need 10. If you would like to provide a special treat (nut-free) for snack on that day please speak to your teachers. We'll spend lots of time during the next week

creating special Valentines for our families. Great opportunities to strengthen fine motor skills by tracing, cutting, lacing, gluing and lots of fun being very creative with paint, collage materials, markers and crayons!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Clean Sweep...Saturday, February 9@ 9am  
February 19 – 23.....Winter Vacation

### REGISTRATION FOR SEPT 2008

Tentative class lists for September 2008 will be posted on the Parent Board by February 14. Placements this year required more time than usual as there were many pairs of siblings whose classes needed to be coordinated. Please speak with Debby immediately if you wish to make a change. Updated lists will be posted once all new families are confirmed. Please encourage friends to contact us if they are interested in attending Erdman next year. We have the option to add a new 3s or 4s class if enrollment permits. Thank you!

## REMINDERS

- During the winter the classrooms are often cool. Please dress your child in layers beginning with an undershirt so that he or she will be comfortable indoors.  
Snowpants and boots are a must for outside time. They are necessary even on no snow days to keep your child warm and dry. We appreciate that you are helping your child to learn how to put on and take off winter outerwear! (Social & Emotional Health – Practice independence and self-help skills)  
Every child needs an extra pair of socks and pants in the school bag so that they can be dry and warm all day. Please remember to send slippers or shoes to wear in the classroom. Boots are very hot and heavy and often wet!  
Label, label, label everything!  
Thank you!
- **Please turn off your car engine when you drop off or pick up your child. It is tempting to let the car run to keep it warm but it is also very dangerous. Thank you for considering everyone's safety.**

## DID YOU KNOW.....

That the Scituate Public Library has games, puzzles and other learning materials available in the Children's Room for you to sign out courtesy of our Community Partnership for Children? Check it out!

## WISH LIST

We still need lots of small boxes for the Fours house projects. Jewelry boxes, pint or half-pint cream cartons, small food boxes, Band-Aid boxes, small tissue boxes are great!

We also always need soft wood scraps for hammering and gluing.

## Lost and Found

Please check the shelf in the upstairs hallway for items your child may be missing.  
There are many winter items!

## LOOKING AHEAD.....

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL AT ERDMAN

We will continue to work with our new assessment tool, The Work Sampling System, to improve our skills.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21 NO SCHOOL ON GOOD FRIDAY

### PAC WILL ONCE AGAIN HOST A FAMILY STORY TIME IN MARCH. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

ERDMAN SUMMER CAMP  
Patti Litz and several Erdman teachers run a summer camp program on Tues., Weds. & Thurs. from 9 to noon for eight weeks each summer. More information available in April.

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL

