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## IT'S TIME FOR ERDMAN SUMMER CAMP

Even though Spring is barely here, it is time to think about registering your child for Erdman's summer camp program run by Patti Litz along with several other teachers. Weekly sessions begin on June 10 and run through August 7 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 to noon. Activities include lots of outdoor play and games, nature, arts and crafts, songs, music, stories and snack. Camp is limited to 24 children per week. More information will be sent home the week of April 14 and registration will begin immediately following April vacation. Please remember that your tuition must be current (paid through April) in order to register.

**Please see "Upcoming Events" for special end of the year happenings. More info will follow well before the events. Please keep a close eye on your child's school bag!**

### APRIL ACTIVITIES

We hope that Spring is on the way! All classes will be busy looking for signs of spring such as pussywillows, forsythia, buds and early flowers, making kites for March and April weather and exploring wind. (Earth and Space Sciences # 7 – identifying local weather) The 4-day class is finishing their life size portraits and their "All about Me" unit and will begin exploring dinosaurs. The MWF 4's and the MTTH 4's are working on their family study and life size self portraits as well. Please be sure to look at the family quilts on the bulletin boards in the big room. The MTTH 4's will also begin to study dinosaurs (Life Sciences #14 – describing living things that inhabited the earth years ago) All classes will begin special Mother's Day surprises after vacation. Threes loved painting and putting together their large Spring egg tree. **Thank you for your donations of egg shells!** All classes have finished working with colors and shapes. They will be looking forward to their trips to Dalby Farm on Grove St. in Scituate (see **Upcoming Events**) and will be busy with many farm related activities after the vacation break. They are also exploring signs of spring and enjoying dramatizing familiar nursery rhymes. (Language Arts #12 – reciting, dramatizing age- appropriate literature) The Threes bulletin boards reflect their color and shape creations. Please enjoy them with your child.

**Enrollment agreements for September 2008 will be in your child's cubby by Friday, April 18 and are due back in the Office by May 15. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BAG.** First tuition payment is due by June 15. Financial aid applications are available in the office and must be returned by May 30. If you would like to set up an appointment to discuss special concerns with your child's next year's teachers this spring please speak with Debby as soon as possible. Information shared between home and school helps us provide the best experience for your child.

### ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Our professional development day on March 6 was devoted to reviewing our current child assessment tool, The Work Sampling System, and improving and sharing our observation and documentation skills. In mid May you will receive a Summary Report describing your child's progress and skills in the seven areas that are the focus of the Work Sampling System: Personal & Social Development, Language & Literacy, Mathematical Thinking, Scientific Thinking, Social Studies, The Arts and Physical Development & Health. Posters describing these areas have been posted near the Lunch bunch board and above the Threes bulletin board in the hallways. The Summary Report is a brief narrative individualized for your child, focusing on your child's strengths

and characteristics. You are welcome to arrange a conference with your child's teachers if you have questions, but we will not be scheduling formal conferences as we did in the winter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Digikids Child ID System***

Will be at school on **Thursday, April 10 and Friday, April 11 from 10 to 2** for parents who wish to take advantage of the service that is offered. Siblings are welcome to participate too. Please read the attached information and feel free to call either Joyce or Amy with your questions.

Spring Break..... April 21 – 25

Visits to Dalby Farm

Thursday, May 8 – T TH AM & PM 3's

Friday, May 9 – WF 3's & MWF 3 1/2's

Information, permission slips and driver sign-ups will be coming home after vacation.

Mother's Day Celebrations

The Fours classes will invite their moms to school for a special snack on the following days – **MWF PM Classes on Wed, May 7**

**MTTH AM & PM on Thurs, May 8**

**MWF & 4 Day classes on Fri. May 9**

**Watch for your special invitation soon!**

Fours Beach Trips

On May 6, 7 9 and 13 the Audubon Society will hold workshops at school for each Fours class to learn more about the ocean and sea life in preparation for our annual beach trips which will take place during the weeks of May 13 and 19 during low tide. Parents are encouraged to join us at the beach for a variety of activities as follows:

Tues., May 6 – MTTH PM 4's

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Wed., May 14 – MWF PM 4's

Fri., May 23 – MWF AM and 4-Day 4's

Ice Cream Socials

After (for AM classes) or before (for PM classes) your last class either Thursday, May 29 or Friday, May 30.

\*School ends on Friday, May 30.\*

Please make sure that a parent or other special adult will be at the Ice Cream parties with your child. Siblings are welcome!

We hope to be able to climb Lawson Tower with our Fours on their last day of school.

## PARENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

A very special thank you to Susan Smith for coordinating a most successful Story Time on March 18! More than 50 of you enjoyed hearing Susan and Heather McNamara read bed time stories with Sarah Foley as a back up reader.

Your children have been creating self-portraits for our new Erdman tee shirts. It's almost time to order these unique shirts. Order forms will be coming home soon and shirts can be purchased by order ONLY.

Another fundraiser is also underway – Heather Lochiatto will donate proceeds from the Pampered Chef and Creative Memories orders to the school. So browse through the catalogs and remember that orders must be placed by April 9. Thank you, Heather!

## REMINDERS

- Our playground can still be very chilly, windy and often muddy. Please make sure your child has a warm jacket, hat, mittens, boots and dry socks.
- Please check the Lost and Found above the cubbies in the upstairs hallway. There are many winter items looking for their child.
- Tuition and Lunch Bunch reminders have been sent home. The year is coming to a close and we must keep our budget on target. Thank you for bringing your account up to date.