

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – February 5, 2010

We swapped our calendar to February and noted the many special days this month. Miss Sally helped out with handwriting of the letter R,r. On Tuesday, we talked about Groundhogs and did some shadow tag at recess.

On Thursday morning we participated in an experiment the 3-5 class is doing researching the relationship of age to observation and representation of detail. We played a what's missing game as a warm up and then looked at an image of a mountain goat and were asked to draw it with as many details as possible. They did a great job.

Friday's special event was a visit at the Island Commons where we sang a few songs for them and then worked collaboratively with the residents on a big Valentine's mural.

Practical Life/Art

- Proteins - shelling walnuts with a twister nutcracker
- Watercolor
- Baby washing
- Food nutrition bingo game - played at circle
- Collage to go with Rainbow fish story
- Food puzzles swapped to dairy and sweets

Language

- Books on tape - Sheep in a Jeep is an option for listening in the peace corner
- Visual discrimination - matching ground hog image to its shadow.
- *The Great Fuzz Frenzy* book about Prairie Dogs/Ground Hogs with the theme of greed and its ramifications.

Math

- Hearts matching numeral to number of hearts
- Numerals and counters - odd, even work to 10

Sensorial

- Color grading

History

- February calendar
- Ground hog day

Geography/Cultural

- South America is still our current continent

Science

- With Valentine's Day coming up and heart works around the classroom we have some books out about the human heart and talked about what a big and important muscle it was. I did my best to tie it into the images on the food pyramid about exercise. At recess we have been talking about exercising our heart muscle.
- In our short hikes near our nature classroom we have found another clearing that they have been eager to revisit (our "other nature classroom")

Music:

- We took 3 groups of letter cards A-G and made a musical alphabet snake.
- We practiced Put a Little Love in Your Heart and when we visited the Commons did a call and response song "Put Your Hands Up in the Air" by Hap Palmer and "Music, Music, Music" with rhythm sticks.

Peace

- New peacemakers are themselves. It was presented with a "magic mirror box" where they look inside to see the most important person in the world.

Calendar updates:

Feb 15-19: Winter Break - No School



Squeezing and sorting fruit using tongs (sorting is visual discrimination, tongs help strengthen fine motor).
Squeezing with tongs while sorting mini fruits



Baby washing, being very careful not to get soap in their eyes.



Spooning transfer of red Indian corn - Fine motor



Matching upper case to lower case and then adding the correct letter in below to make the words in the rhyming set.



Musical alphabet snake A-G repeated



Sharing our love with the Island Commons Residents by making a collage with them.

Thank you for sharing your children - Miss Nancy