Our new Nursery Rhymes have been Hot Cross Buns and One Two Buckle My Shoe. They can recite many of our rhymes from the year. Keep on singing/saying them. Other language works involve various sorts, upper and lower case matching and our phonemic awareness exercises.

Math has us learning about the symbols + - and = through writing number stories, games with marked dice, and domino addition. We have reviewed > and the geometric solid shapes, cube, cone, cylinder, sphere and rectangular prism with sorts and at home shape hunts. Teen numbers are presented as 10 and some quantity more. We are approaching 50 in our number scroll writing.

We celebrated the full moon in March with some donated sap water. Thank you John Flint. At the start of every month we review the months of the year and for April we did a group matching game. They are becoming secure in singing our months of the year song.

Exploring colors through painting on the easel remains a popular activity.

Forest Friday on March 26 was a continuation of our study of light. Previously we had looked at how prisms and water bend light. This time we looked at how light travels in a straight line but can be reflected. We worked with mirrors and then made periscopes. The companion activity was exploration and observations with shadow, how to make them larger and smaller and puppet play with hands and stick puppets. It was a rainy day so for needed movement children explored juggling with scarves and a few tried bean bags.

With the transition into Spring each student has been working on a 4 part tree representing each season. They finished them and made a journal entry about their favorite season.

We celebrated April by pumping air into eggs, thus extracting the yolks and albumen. They folded paper into a basket into which went their decorated eggs.

On Friday, April 2 we went across the sandbar to Little Chebeague. Prior to departing we viewed some photos of what the hotel, pier, and a few of the cottages looked like in the past. The day was chilly but the wind was behind us. We went onto the island at the NW campground site, and toured the cottage loop. As interest was demonstrated we used the QR codes to view images of some more of the cottages. We found the remains of an old car, a really big oak tree with a rope swing.

Thank you for sharing your children,

Keep Reading with your children and Happy Spring!!

Miss Nancy