

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – November 6, 2009

On Monday we transitioned our calendar to November, made note of the full moon and prepped vegetables for stone soup. "Bring what you've got, put it in the pot, we're making stone soup". A highlight was adding the beans from the plants that they started from seed in September and a U-tube stone soup version featuring aliens. They enjoyed serving and sharing the soup for lunch.

Measuring the circumference of things remains a popular exploration. Their November height is noted on our wall chart. Some are very eager to grow taller.

Easel painting has them mixing colors. So far black, white and blue are available for exploration. Overheard was "Guess what? When you mix black and white together you get gray". I have made portfolios for them so that overtime they can revisit their work.

These are the new works in the classroom. I am working to be sure to catch up any students who missed presentations with illness.

Practical Life/Art

- Squeezing/sorting/pattern making with unifix cubes
- Squeezing - water from a sponge
- Spooning transfer - polished rocks
- Pouring - now wet (colored water)
- Twisting - metal nuts and bolts
- Food Prep - veggie slicing for stone soup and slicing bananas for snack
- Care of the Environment - harvesting our lettuce plants and adding them to our lunch
- Poppies project for Veteran's Day - pincher fingers craft with small squares of tissue paper to scrunch and glue onto poppy template

Language

- Stone Soup felt board story

Sensorial

- Power of Two Cube - an algebraic assemblage of rectangular prisms into a cube - to them a fun 3-D puzzle
- Smell matching of 3 scents

Math

- Writing #5, review of 1-4
- New sets basket 2 - object of different shapes and sizes to sort, count and associate to numeral

Music/Movement

- Stepping up the scale and Animal Action
- Thursdays rain had us doing extra gross motor movement in the classroom - walking a line then onto the balance beam, bouncing on the mini tramp and making infinity signs (crossing the midline) on the big wipe off board.

Science

- Vertebrate/Invertebrate sorting: animal objects and picture cards

History

- November calendar and its special days - Election/voting day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, sub days
- Full moon - The Beaver Moon

Cultural/Peace

- Veteran's Day - what is a Veteran
- Matching expressions of faces expressing feelings

Calendar updates:

Nov. 12,13 - Sam Birkett to sub

Nov. 18 - Parent teacher conferences. I will be contacting you to confirm times

Nov. 26, 27: No school, Thanksgiving vacation



Enjoying our stone soup



Poppies for Veteran's Day



Smelling bottles- discriminating and matching scents

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*