

# Chebeague Pre-K News- October/November 2015

The PreK children have been getting to know one another and getting to know all the big kids. Following are some pictures sharing some of the choices they made while at school in October and the beginning of November.



*Sets Baskets: Numeracy- Sort the bottle caps by color, then associate the caps with the appropriate number. Having just the right number of caps makes it self-correcting.*



*We had fun making pretzels to go along with Eric Carle's book Walter the Baker. We learned about the ingredients as we woke up the yeast.*



*Be sure to check out the latest CIS bird video about Atlantic Puffins. The link is on Bev's website.*



*Following our living/non-living sorts we moved onto parts of a plant. Here they are doing three-part matching. The control card includes the picture and word. Once they lay out the control cards they match the image and word cards.*



*We did leaf rubbings, leaf printing and leaf burst painting (shown here).*



*Columbus Day had us reading the book Toy Boat and exploring how to make a boat and test its floating abilities. For snack we made boats from apple slices.*





*It is amazing to see what a child can create with a box of triangles and what they share as they construct new shapes. Nearby another child sorts colors and shapes onto their correct spot.*

October included a focus on fire safety. All identified a family meeting place, learned to stop, drop and roll, as well as stay low and go.



*Visual discrimination and fine motor skills: Gentle spooning in the orange colored rice unveiled Halloween themed objects for matching.*



*Graphing, Taking turns: Roll the cube and mark the result. We encouraged predictions about which one would first fill.*



*Nature classroom: Learning about the seasons through observation. Whenever possible we invite some big kid friends to come along. The talking tree is always excited to see us. Another favorite activity is to lie down on the moss bed near post #6 and look up at the sky.*



*October needs a bit of Halloween. Miss Linda came in and helped each child sculpt a ghost by laying gauze over their arrangement of stacked cups and foil spheres. Once dry some black felt helped each ghost gain personality.*



*Fine Motor and Patterning: Weaving strips of felt through cooking racks.*





*Life cycles: Prepping garlic cloves helps in learning about seed coats. Our garden helpers from Mrs. Westra's class helped with planting.*



*Fine motor: Growing their concentration, coordination, independence, and sense of order through works in practical life.*



*One of the Veteran's Day activities was a collage of stars and stripes in red, white, and blue. Each generated their own unique masterpiece.*



*Bee-Bot is a programmable robot. Recently they made a booby trap and surprised themselves when it cruised right through the block wall. The comment that followed was: "You rebuild, I will reprogram"*

### **Calendar Updates**

- Nov. 12: Island Commons visit
- Nov. 13: Library visit
- Nov 17-23: Conferences options
- Nov. 26,27: Thanksgiving holiday - no school
- Dec. 15: CIS Holiday concert 5:30

*Thank you for sharing your children  
Miss Nancy*