

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – October 9, 2009

We started out this short week walking to school from the Historical Society with our K-5 friends. All were great troupers and once at school we enjoyed yummy breakfast options that the CPA had prepared.

We ended our week with Christopher Columbus. I read a story and we talked about "discovering" new land. They made 3 boats from egg cartons sections stuffed with play dough, toothpicks for masts and personalized sails. Not particularly seaworthy but they enjoyed sailing them across their flat maps and across the Atlantic on our classroom globe. We also played a game rolling a die and moving a ship along the board from Europe toward the "new world".

Following are some of the lessons, which were presented to all either at circle or individually. Other lessons are given individually based on the child's interest and/or readiness.

Practical Life

- Zipper frame

Sensorial

- Triangle - three sides and 3 points. At home keep looking for triangles all around.

Science

- Be an explorer. We used paper towel rolls as telescopes to look for land. We then used our telescopes in the nature classroom to help with focusing on red and yellow leaves. We collected some leaves and are currently pressing them. Next week we will do more observations on the different leaf shapes.

Language

- Eric Carle's Hungry Caterpillar story retelling
- Say the Beat Book - this work involves isolating the syllables of the words that go with the picture. One can clap, tap or use rhythm sticks. You can extend this lesson at home. Ex. clap x x for a two syllable

name or word, clap x for a one syllable, etc. It really helps to grow their listening skills and will help them with decoding words and spelling in the future.

- Columbus Day maze

Music

- Voice play
- Our new song, *Music, Music, Music* includes use of rhythm sticks

History

- Columbus Day

Calendar updates:

Oct. 12 - No School, Columbus Day holiday

Oct. 20 - School photo day

Oct. 30 - Island Common's field trip

Nov. 12,13 - Sam Birkett to sub

Classroom reminders:

Peace corner pictures please.



Hungry Caterpillar eating its way through the story



Making an environment for his play dough snail



Keeping our classroom tidy

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*