

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – January 15, 2010

We started the week with my birthday circle. (Don't worry I did not make all those trips around the sun.) I did share a little picture book of me through the ages and was pleased they were interested in reading the various years listed. Some went on to try to make those numbers with the base ten materials. Some of them have met our children and liked seeing Bob (with hair) and me with our babies and then with our children grown up.

More excitement on Monday was our class field trip to North America. I used a computer projector and Google earth. I started with a transition from sky view to earth and then onto a birds eye view of the Chebeague Island School. Next was a pan out to Maine, The United States, Canada with some sightseeing along the way. 3-D of the Empire state building is pretty cool. I also shared some other images in regular slide format but panning across the continent from outer space is by far the biggest learning piece for them. The show concluded with talk and images of the Panama Canal and they carried that into their morning play. If you want to check out the Panama Canal sites again with your children go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_USwBfSaKs&NR=1 - 3 d animation showing how the locks work – show this first <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vi19z4LEi0> - from front of a ship.

Our new continent is South America. I gave you the slide show information as this is how we will conclude each continent unit.

On Thursday after visiting Frosty in our nature classroom we went on a woods hike looking for a chosen color. Some were easy (green,blue), some were not found (orange).

Practical Life/Art

- Fruit- cutting an orange into 2 hemispheres then the special knife to loosen up the triangles. We ate what we prepped for snack.
- Snowman art project - Inspired by book "Snowmen At Night". Painted background

with a horizon- Trace cut, decorate, paint with Epsom Salt (for crystal effect) snowmen glued on.

Language

- Letter Ss
- Additional cvc books are out (phonemic consonant-vowel-consonant)

Sensorial

- Hemispheres- what they are, matching and sequencing 2 sets of 10 from big to small.

Math

- Graphing exercise- How many snowballs tall are you using felt circles.

History

- Birthday circle for Miss Nancy
- Civil Rights - Rosa and MLK

Geography/Cultural

- South America- coffee plant

Science

- Parts of a fish demonstration. They love bending the dorsal fin of our stuffed fish and having the fish flop over.

Music:

- *Copy Kitten* echo singing, hopping up the scale, and a movement activity to *Listen and Move*.

Peace

- Our peace circle was an introduction to Martin Luther King. *We Shall Overcome* is the new music in the peace corner.

Calendar updates:

Jan 18: MLK holiday. Make it a day on, not a day off. Make it a day of service.

Jan 23- 10:45 to 11:45 school open house

Feb 4 - Island Commons field trip



Panama Canal lock play. I forgot to bring in boats but the cars worked fine.



Sequencing numerals 1-8 prior to jumping up and down the musical scale. Step tone bars are a great help to making this all fit together. The step bars are visible on the floor next to the pillows.



MLK Jr. life story matching work and "I am the same inside regardless of my skin color" glove