

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – March 19, 2010

On Monday before lunch the team winners for last week's classroom Olympic events were announced and all participants received participation awards. The award was a toothbrush compliments of Dr. Nancy Sargent in Falmouth. We all watched a short U-tube segment by a dental hygienist on how to brush your teeth: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH27PiYX6gl>

Earlier on Monday, we celebrated a birthday circle and then Miss Sally helped us make paper pots into which the children added soil and lettuce seeds.

Throughout the week we have been reviewing writing our numerals as we count down to our 100th day of school.

Practical Life/Art

- Twisting - half hitch on a cleat
- Care of self - matching and rolling socks together
- We have added a compost bin to our classroom for any orange peels, etc. that are left over from snack.

Language

- What does not belong
- We continue to read books authored by Dr. Seuss.

Math

- Graphing of Lucky Charms marshmallow shapes. They were great about not eating them as I emphasized how gross, too sweet, and full of finger germs they were.
- Handwriting numerals 8,7,6,5
- Leprechaun missing numeral message

Geography

- Sand paper rubbings of lake and island

Science

- Mammals - 3 layered human body puzzle. This is a big challenge as it has bones layer then intestinal, heart and lung layer, then clothes.

History

- Birthday circle
- St. Patrick's Day
- First day of spring/vernal equinox

Music:

- We listened to an Irish Jig and then practiced counting to 8 twice going to the right, left, in, out clap etc. At lunch I showed them some step dancing on U-tube. When the dancers made a circle one child stated, "that's what we did". Were we that good?

Cultural:

- We have been reading a little bit about Ireland and St. Patrick's Day

Peace

- Rachel Carson is our new peacemaker. Our attention will focus on how we can help our planet earth starting with the choices we make as individuals.

Calendar updates:

March 29: Our 100th day of school

April 7th ish: Parent Teacher conferences

April 9: Island Commons Field Trip

May 25: Arts Night 6pm



Drawing observations in the Nature Classroom. You can see our "feely box" in the foreground



The cleat work has been a popular choice. Many discussions about different ways people tie up their boats and what makes it a good choice or poor choice have been discussed.



The human body puzzle and numerals and counters (learning about odd and even)



Birthday circle - around the "sun" each year one has been on planet Earth.

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*



Sequencing numerals left by the leprechaun scattered about the room. This was a group project.